

Types of Child Care

- **Child Care Center**
- **Registered Family Child Care**
- **Licensed Group Family Child Care**
- **School-Age Child Care**
- **Nursery Schools and Preschool Programs**
- **Summer Camp**
- **In-Home Care**

Child Care Center

Center based care is provided for a group of children for more than three hours per day, not in a personal residence, which must meet state licensing regulations for facility, health, safety, staffing and its educational program. In addition to becoming state licensed, child care centers may strive to become accredited through the [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#).

Age of Children	Staff/Child Ratio	Maximum Group Size
6 weeks to 18 months	1:4	8
18 to 36 months	1:5	12
3 years	1:7	18
4 years	1:8	21
5 years	1:9	24
6 to 9 years	1:10	20
10 to 12 years	1:15	30

Registered Family Child Care

Registered Family Child Care is provided in the home setting for up to six children including the provider's own (fewer if there are infants, provider's own children are only included until they enter Kindergarten) with an expanded capacity to serve two more school-age children. Family child care programs must be registered through the NYS Office of Children and Family Services if care is provided for three or more children. If care is provided for only two children in the home setting, it is legally exempt from state licensing. Family Child Care programs may be accredited through the [National Association of Family Child Care](#).

Licensed Group Family Child Care

Licensed Group Family Child Care is provided in the home setting by a primary caregiver and an assistant for up to twelve children including the provider's own (fewer if there are infants, provider's own children are only included until they enter Kindergarten) with an expanded capacity to serve two more school-age children. Group family child care programs are licensed through the NYS Office of Children and Family Services and may be accredited through the [National Association of Family Child Care](#).

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