

When Looking For Child Care Please Be Aware of these Quality Indicators

Group size

The smaller the group the better. Your child might get more one on one attention.

Health and Safety

Be sure the facility is clean and free of hazardous materials and observe hand washing procedures

Provider Education and Turnover Rate

The more early childhood training a provider has the more they are able to deal with situations that may arise such as behavior problems/ a facility with a high turnover rate could mean that it is not a stable environment for the children.

Accreditation

If a facility is accredited through NAEYC or NAC or NAFCC it could mean they are of quality because it is a rigorous process and some accreditation standards are higher than basic licensing requirements.

Ratios

The less children for each adult the better for your child

Family Involvement

The Provider should have an open door policy, ask about newsletters and parent volunteer opportunities

Licensed Child Care in Washington State

Differences between Family Child Homes and Centers:

Children in Child Care Centers are grouped together by age and in a Family Child Care setting the childcare are grouped together ranging in the ages of 0-12 years old. The numbers of children in both facilities are set by the Licensor.

Licensing Requirements: *Some basic requirements are but not limited to:*

- Criminal Background check
- First Aid/CPR/HIV/AIDS/Blood Borne Pathogens training
- 20 hours of basic child care training (Lead Staff)
- An inspection for health and Safety for facility
- Current Tb (Tuberculosis) test

Staff and Ratios: *Please refer to the charts below:*

Complaints: *If you have any concerns about a provider please call CPS (Child Protective Services) at 1-800-562-5624.*

Please call DEL (Department of Early Learning) at 1-866-482-4325 to check on complaints on a provider or visit their website @www.del.wa.gov.

We do not guarantee the quality of the providers in our database. We urge you to interview and check references before leaving your child in care.

Family Child Care Ratios		Center Ratios			
	Age Range	Staff/Child Under 2/ Ratio	Age Range	Staff/Child Ratio	Maximum Group Size
Provider (P)	0-11 mos	1/2/6	1-11 months	1/4	8
P w/ 1 YR Experience	2-11 Yrs	1/0/8	12-29 months	1/7	14
P w/ 1Yr Exp	5-11 Yrs	1/0/10	30 m to 5 years	1/10	20
P w/1 Yr Exp & an Assistant	0-11 Yrs	1/4/9	5 – 12 years	1/15	30
P w/ 2 Yrs Exp. & 1ECE class	3-11 Yrs	1/0/10			
P w/2 Yrs Exp. & 1ECE class & an assistant	0-11 Yrs	1/4/12			

Average yearly Full Time rates	Grays Harbor	Lewis	Mason	Pacific	Thurston
	Center/Family Home	Center/Family Home	Center/Family Home	Center/Family Home	Center/Family Home
Infant	7,176/7017	9,100/6,941	8,448,7,020	7,400/6,578	9,724/7,482
Toddler	6,240/6,100	7,280/6,344	7,596/6,370	7,140/6,526	8,372/7,214
Preschool	5,729/6,100	6,396/6,006	6,292/6,100	6,237/5,923	7,410/6,240
School Age	3,120/2,899	3,380/3,120	3,848/3,120	3,052/3,120	4,472/3,640