

KNOW YOUR CHILD CARE FACILITY



What is quality child care?

Quality child care offers healthy social and educational experiences under qualified supervision in a safe, nurturing, and interactive environment.

Indicators of a Quality Child Care Setting:



Qualified Staff:

Meets required training and certification standards.



Positive Guidance:

Uses redirection and encouragement to support positive behavior.



Open Communication:

Provides regular updates and maintaining open feedback channels with parents.



Parental Involvement:

Encourages parents to participate in facility activities.



Structured Routine:

Follows a consistent daily schedule with balanced activities.



Safe Environment:

Maintains a clean, well-kept, and child-friendly space.



Age-Appropriate Activities:

Offers activities that support learning and development.



Staff-to-Child Ratio:

Meets or exceeds minimum staff-to-child ratio requirements.

General Requirements:

Every licensed child care facility must meet the minimum state child care licensing standards pursuant to s. 402.305, F.S., and ch. 65C-22, F.A.C., which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ☐ Posts valid license for parents to see.
- ☐ Has Level 2 background screenings for all personnel.
- ☐ Maintains appropriate transportation vehicles (if transportation is provided).
- ☐ Provides written behavior guidance practices to parents.
- ☐ Provides appropriate access to the facility during normal hours of operation.

- ☐ Maintains minimum staff-to-child ratios:

AGE OF CHILD	STAFF: CHILD RATIO
Infant	1:4
1 year old	1:6
2 year old	1:11
3 year old	1:15
4 year old	1:20
5 year old and up	1:25



Physical and Quality Environment



Cleanliness:

Keeps the space clean and free of hazards.



Inviting Space:

Creates a welcoming, child-friendly environment that showcases children's work.



Safety:

Ensures a safe and secure setting that supports children's independence.



Encouraging Play:

Provides age-appropriate toys and materials that are easily accessible.



Positive Atmosphere:

Fosters a warm, understanding, and responsive environment.



Stimulation:

Supplies materials and experiences that spark curiosity and development.



Characteristics of a Quality Caregiver



Adaptability:

Adjusts to different situations and children's individual needs.



Good Moral Character:

Passes background checks, including history and screening for abuse or neglect.



Qualifications:

Holds appropriate training and certifications in early childhood education.



Creativity:

Engages children in interactive and educational activities.



Patience and Empathy:

Responds to children's needs with patience, compassion, and stability.



First Aid and CPR Training:

Is prepared to handle emergencies with basic first aid and CPR knowledge.



Communication Skills:

Communicates openly and effectively with children and parents.



This child care facility is licensed according to the minimum licensure standards included in section 402.305, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 65C-22, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)

License Number: _____ License Issued on: __/__/__ License Expires on: __/__/__

For more information regarding the compliance history of this child care provider, visit: www.MyFLFamilies.com/childcare or call (850) 488-4900

Reports of suspected cases of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect are received and referred for investigation by the Abuse Hotline.

To report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect, please call the Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE.

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