

Large Family Child Care Home

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Child Care Personnel Requirements

Operator Requirements:

- ◆ Good moral character based upon Level 2 screening standards, as provided in Chapter 435.04, F.S.
- ◆ Must be at least 21 years of age.
- ◆ Must be the occupant and licensee of home.
- ◆ Must have a Staff Credential or equivalent for one year prior to licensure as a large family child care home.
- ◆ Must be licensed as a Family Day Care Home in Florida for 2 consecutive years within 5 years of the date of the application for a license to operate a Large Family Child Care Home.
- ◆ Prior to licensure, must have completed 30 hours of training (as evidenced by passage of a competency exam). Within 6 months of licensure, must complete 10 hours of specialized training (as evidenced by passage of a competency exam).
- ◆ Must complete 10-hour annual in-service training.
- ◆ Must complete 0.5 continuing education unit or 5 clock hours of approved training in early literacy and language development birth to 5 years of age.
- ◆ Is responsible for overall operation of the child care home.
- ◆ May not be employed outside of home during hours of operation.
- ◆ Must have valid certificate of course completion in first aid training and infant/child CPR.

Definition of Large Family Child Care Home



Section 402.302(11), Florida Statutes

An occupied residence in which child care is regularly provided for children from at least two unrelated families, which receives a payment, fee, or grant for any of the children receiving care, whether or not operated for profit, and which has at least two full-time child care personnel on the premises during the hours of operation.

Licensing Authority



Section 402.308, Florida Statutes

Every large family child care home in the state shall have a license which shall be renewed annually.

Note: Statutory authority to regulate large family child care homes may be found in s. 402.3131, Florida Statutes, Chapter 65C-20, Florida Administrative Code and the Family Day Care Home/Large Family Child Care Home Handbook.



Child Care Personnel Requirements (continued)

Employee Requirements:

- ◆ Must be at least 1 full-time employee on duty in addition to the operator.
- ◆ Good moral character based upon a Level 2 screening standards, as provided in Chapter 435.04, F.S.
- ◆ Must be at least 18 years of age.
- ◆ Must be present during hours of operation as a large family child care home.
- ◆ Must begin the 30-clock-hour family child care training within 90 days of employment and complete (as evidenced by passage of a competency exam) within one year from the date the training began.
- ◆ Must complete 10-hour annual in-service training.
- ◆ Must complete 0.5 continuing education unit or 5 clock hours of approved training in early literacy and language development birth to 5 years of age.

Requirements for Substitutes:

- ◆ Good moral character based upon a Level 2 screening standards, as provided in Chapter 435.04, F.S.
- ◆ Substitutes must be at least 18 years of age.
- ◆ Must complete the 30-clock-hour family child care training (prior to caring for children) as evidenced by passage of a competency exam.
- ◆ Must meet additional training requirements.

Capacity Requirements/Ratios

Includes children under 13 years of age related to the caregiver.

- ◆ A maximum of 8 children age birth to 24 months.
- ◆ A maximum of 12 children, no more than 4 children under 24 months.

Additional Health & Safety Requirements

Additional health & safety requirements for large family child care homes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ◆ Health Related Requirements
- ◆ Health Records
- ◆ Staffing
- ◆ Employee Requirements
- ◆ Training
- ◆ Supervision
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Planned Activities
- ◆ Child Discipline
- ◆ Fire Safety
- ◆ Indoor Floor Space & Equipment
- ◆ Outdoor Play Space & Equipment
- ◆ Emergency Procedures



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