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CHILD CARE FACILITY LICENSE CATEGORIES

The Child Care Program licenses both **Child Care Centers** and **Family Child Care Homes**.

Child Care Centers (CCCs) are usually located in a commercial building. Non-medical care and supervision is provided for infant to school-age children in a group setting for periods of less than 24 hours.

Family Child Care Homes (FCCHs) must be in the licensee's own home. A Family Child Care Home reflects a home-like environment where non-medical care and supervision is provided for periods of less than 24 hours.

There are Small Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes.

- Small Family Child Care Homes provide care to no more than 8 children.
- Large Family Child Care Homes provide care to no more than 14 children.

FACILITY STATISTICS & INSPECTION INFORMATION

There are approximately 15,000 state-licensed child care centers and approximately 33,000 licensed FCCHs. Two counties contract with the State to perform the licensing functions for FCCHs (Del Norte, and Inyo).

All CCC and FCCH applicants receive an announced site visit prior to initial licensure.

The Department conducts unannounced visits to child care facilities, as often as necessary, to ensure compliance.

- CCCs and FCCHs *with a history of noncompliance* receive unannounced visits annually.
- The Department conducts an annual unannounced visit to no less than 30 percent of child care facilities not subject to a visit due to compliance history. These visits are based on a random sample.

- If the total citations exceed the previous year's total by 10 percent, the following year the Department will increase the random sample by 10 percent to those child care facilities that are not subject to annual unannounced visits because of a history of noncompliance.
- Every licensed child care facility must receive a visit every five years.
- The Department shall annually make unannounced *spot visits* to 20 percent of all child care facilities, except school-age child care centers.
- All CCCs and FCCHs receive unannounced visits in order to follow-up on plans of correction.
- Upon receipt of a complaint, the Department will make a preliminary review and unless the Department determines that the complaint is willfully intended to harass a licensee or is without any reasonable basis, the Department shall make an onsite visit within 10 days.