

Child Care Program Office

The Division of Public Assistance, Child Care Program Office (CCPO) recruits, licenses, monitors and regulates child care facilities across the state (except for the Municipality of Anchorage).

The CCPO collaborates statewide with providers and early childhood partners/stakeholders to improve licensing regulations, health and safety standards and to make on-going improvements in the consistent application of licensing standards. The CCPO licenses Child Care Homes, Group Homes and Centers statewide, except for the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA): the State delegates authority for licensing services to the MOA.

Mission: *We support Families in Accessing Quality Child Care.*

Vision: *Safe, healthy child care is available and affordable for all families in Alaska.*



For information regarding **Child Care Licensing**, please contact the regional office nearest you.

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Child Care Licensing

The CCPO provides information and technical assistance to individuals interested in becoming licensed and to licensed child care providers of Homes, Group Homes, and Centers.

Licensing Specialists and Supervisors are here to help you through the application process and provide on-going support regarding regulations, statutes, policies and child and family issues. Once licensed, you will receive announced and unannounced Inspections during your operating hours.

CCPO Licensing Specialists complete health and safety inspections of child care facilities as well as for pre-elementary schools approved by the Department of Education and Early Development. They also investigate reports of concern and complaints about licensed child care facilities, Approved Providers (In-home, Approved Non Relative, and Approved Relative), and facilities operating without a license.

License Facility Types

- **Child Care Home:** Care is provided up to 8 children at any one time
- **Child Care Group Home:** Care is provided for 9 to 12 children
- **Child Care Center:** Care is provided for 13 or more children

Who Needs a License?

- Anyone providing care to more than a total of 4 children unrelated to the caregiver, outside of the child's own home that does not meet exempt status.
- Approved providers who wish to continue providing child care services after the end of their 12 month approval period (for children whose families receive Child Care Assistance).

Why Become Licensed?

- Be viewed as an Early Childhood Professional.
- Families seek safe and secure child care through licensed providers.
- With a license you may care for more children.
- Licensed providers may participate in the Child Care Grant Program to receive monthly reimbursements for training and operating costs. Contact the CCPO for more information.
- Licensed providers receive increased reimbursement amounts for families receiving Child Care Assistance and may receive access to additional resources and programs.



Application Process

If you are located within the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA), contact the MOA for specific application requirements. If located outside the MOA, contact your regional CCPO office nearest you for an application. See reverse for all office contact information.

A Licensing Specialist is available to assist you in completing the application process and will explain facility types and licensing regulations. They will also conduct an orientation and on-site health and safety inspection of your facility. This includes a thorough check of all indoor and outside premises of your facility. While on-site your Licensing Specialist will also observe your interactions with children.

The CCPO has 90 days from the receipt of a complete application to process and make a decision to license a facility.

Prior to becoming licensed, a fingerprint based background check through the State of Alaska Background Check Program must be passed for all individuals associated with your facility who are 16 years of age or older, except for applicants within the MOA.

Visit the CCPO website for **Child Care Licensing Regulations:**
hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/ccare/regs.htm

**If you have a concern regarding a child care facility, please call toll free:
1-888-268-4632.**