

Do I Need a Child Care License?

Use this guide to determine if the child care you provide in your home requires a Colorado child care license.

Do you provide care frequently or in a reoccurring pattern?

Yes

No

You are licensing exempt.
Occasional care of children that has no pattern is exempt from child care licensing.

Are any of the children in your care not related to you as defined by Colorado law?

No

You are licensing exempt.
Providers can care for children related to them, and children from one additional family, without obtaining a child care license.

Yes

Are the children in your care, who are not related to you, from more than one family?

No

Colorado law defines "related" as a parent, grandparent, brother, sister, stepparent, step-brother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, or cousin through blood, marriage or adoption.

Yes

Do you care for more than four children total, or more than two children under the age of two years old? This includes your own children.

No

You are licensing exempt.
Providers can care for up to four children, regardless of their relationship to each other or the provider, as long as no more than two of the children are under the age of two. The total number of children in care must include the provider's own children.

Yes

You are legally required to have a child care license.
Find more information about how to apply for your child care license at: coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com/oec/licensing

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