

# Choosing Your Child Care Checklist

## Center

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Centers can be small or large; group size is not regulated but the ratio of caregiver to child is regulated.

- Age 0-2 years old: one teacher for every 4 infants
- Age 2-5 years old: one teacher for every 12 children
- Age 2-5 years old: one teacher and one assistant (without ECE units) for every 15 children
- Age 2-5 years old: one teacher and one assistant (with ECE units) for every 18 children
- School age children: one teacher for every 14 children
- School age children: one teacher and one aide for every 28 children

## Family Daycare Home

- Small Family Daycare (8 children): providers can have 3 children over two, 4 infants only, or 2 infants with 4 children over two and 2 children six years and older.
- Large Family Daycare (14 children): providers can have 4 infants and 8 children over two or 3 infants, 9 children over two years and 2 children ages six plus.
- Assistant must be at least 14. If left alone with children at any time they must be 18 with CPR and First Aid certification.

Call each center or family daycare for an appointment. Take your child along for the visit.

Your final valuable tool is Community Care Licensing. It is important to thoroughly check into the history and background of the center and family daycare home. When researching a center's or a family daycare home's licensing history check for patterns of complains, health and safety violations, the outcome of the investigation, and the number of complaints filed against the facility.

Call Community Care Licensing: (408) 324-2148