

# Licensed Child Care Program

## Definition of a Licensed Child Care Program – Licensed

South Dakota law defines a Group Family Day Care and Day Care Center (referred to as Licensed Child Care Programs) as the providing of group care and supervision of children on a regular basis for part of a day as a supplement to regular parental care, with or without compensation, for 13 or more children, including children under the age of six living in the home and children from more than one unrelated family received for care in any facility, including a family home.

- A child care program may be located in the provider's own home or in a separate facility.
- Child Care Programs are mandated by law to be licensed prior to operating, regardless of funding source.
- Programs are inspected each year.
- A child care program may be operated as a nonprofit organization or as an independent, proprietary facility.

## Health and safety regulatory requirements met by a child care program:

- ARSD [67:42:17](#) Child Care Licensing
- ARSD [61:15:05](#) Day Care Center construction requirements
- ARSD [61:15:06](#) Group family construction requirements
- SDCL [Chapter 26-6](#) Children's Homes and Welfare Agencies

## [Guide to Child & School Age Care Licensing Rules and Resources](#)

### [Floor Plan Review Guide](#)

### [Monitoring and inspections](#)

### Sample Monitoring Forms

- [Program Inspection Sample](#)
- [Facility Safety Inspection Sample](#)

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