Definition Group Family Day Care Home – Licensed
South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 26-6-14 defines a Group Family Day Care Home 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 to 20 children, including children under the age of six living in the home and children from more than one unrelated family received for day care, in any facility, including a family home.

- A group family child care home may be located in the provider’s own home or in a separate facility.
- Group family child care homes are mandated by law to be licensed prior to operation, regardless of funding source.
- Group family day care homes are inspected once per year.

Health and safety regulatory requirements met by a licensed group family day care provider:
- Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 67:42:10 Licensed day care programs
- ARSD 67:42:11 Environmental health standards
- ARSD 67:42:16 Scope of services for child care programs
- ARSD 61:15:06 Group family construction requirements
- SDCL Chapter 26-6 Children’s Homes and Welfare Agencies
- The Licensing Handbook
- Floor Plan Review Guide
  - Modification Existing Program
  - School Age Care (School only)

Monitoring and inspections

Sample Monitoring Forms

- Facility Safety Inspection sample
- Program Inspection sample

Background checks required

Email a request for more information or to obtain a packet to start the licensing process.
Call a licensing specialist for more information or to obtain a packet to start the licensing process.