Licensed Day Care Home

Definition of a Day Care Center – Licensed
South Dakota law defines a Day Care Center 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 21 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 group family child care home may be located in the provider’s own home or in a separate facility.

- A child care center may be located in the provider’s own home or in a separate facility.
- Day care centers are mandated by law to be licensed prior to operating, regardless of funding source.
- Centers are inspected each year.
- A day care center may be operated as a nonprofit organization or as an independent, proprietary facility.

Health and safety regulatory requirements met by a licensed group family day care provider:
- 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 61:15:05 Day Care Center 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
- Program Inspection Sample
- Facility Safety Inspection Sample

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.