



**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES**



**Licensure and Regulation of Child Care
Facilities in the Commonwealth**

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Child Day Program Defined

- The Code of Virginia § 63.2-100 defines a child day program as a “regularly operating service arrangement for children where, during the absence of a parent or guardian, a person or organization has agreed to assume responsibility for the supervision, protection, and well-being of a child under the age of 13 for less than a 24-hour period.”

Child Day Programs in Virginia By The Numbers



| FY 14 | Number | Capacity |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Child Day Center | 2,468 | 247,489 |
| CDC Short Term | 81 | 9,378 |
| Family Day Home | 1,323 | 14,042 |
| Religious Exempt | 998 | 82,999 |
| Certified Pre-School | 8 | 666 |
| Voluntarily Registered FDH | 893 | 4,465 |
| Family Day System | 1 | 475 |
| Unregulated FDH (w Sub) | 451 | 2,255 |
| TOTAL | 6,223 | 361,769 |



Types of Family Day Homes

- Licensed
- Regulated/Not Licensed
- Approved
- Not Licensed or Regulated But Eligible As a Subsidy Vendor



Types of Child Day Centers

- Licensed
- Regulated/Not Licensed
- Not Licensed/Regulated but eligible as Subsidy Vendor



Regulated Child Day Programs

- Religious Exempt
- Certified Pre-school
- Voluntary Registered Family Day Homes
- Family Day Systems



Unregulated Child Day Programs

- Numbers and Locations Unknown
- No Requirements:
 - Background Check
 - Facility Requirements
 - Health/Safety Requirements
- Not Monitored or Inspected Unless Complaint is Received for an Illegal Operation



Licensure Requirements

Part of VA Administrative Code in Chapter 22

All Areas of Facility are Assessed for Compliance With Standards Including:

- Physical Plant/Indoor and Outdoor
- Child and Staff Records – Including Background Checks
- Observation of Children and Staff
- Nutrition and Food Service
- Staff Training Requirements



Regulating Virginia's Child Care Facilities

- Eight Regional Licensing Facilities
 - Abingdon, Roanoke, Fishersville, Warrenton, Fairfax, Richmond, Newport News, and Virginia Beach
- Licensing Administrator and Inspectors
- 95 Staff Responsible for Statewide Inspections
 - 63 Children's Facility Staff ~ \$4.4M per year
 - 32 Adult Facility Staff ~ \$2.2M per year

SFY 2014 Total Expenditures for Child Care Subsidies



| Source | Amount |
|---------------------|---------------|
| State General Funds | \$27,375,698 |
| CCDF Federal Funds | \$65,483,027 |
| TANF Transfer | \$17,805,152 |
| Total | \$110,663,877 |

Average Monthly Subsidy Payment Per Child (SFY 2014)

In SFY 2014, the average monthly payment per child was **\$382**

In SFY 2014, the average monthly payment per family was **\$649**

Child Care Subsidy Program served **43,823** children in SFY 2014