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Arizona Department of Economic Security  
Certified Family Child Care Homes  
In-Home Child Care Providers  
Phoenix: (602) 542-4248  
Toll-free: 1-877-822-2322  
[www.azdes.gov/childcare](http://www.azdes.gov/childcare)

Child Care Resource & Referral  
Registered Homes  
Toll-free: 1-800-308-9000  
[www.azchildcare.org](http://www.azchildcare.org)

Arizona Department of Education  
Child and Adult Care Food Program  
Phoenix: (602) 542-8700  
Toll-free: 1-800-352-4558  
[www.azed.gov/health-nutrition/cacfp](http://www.azed.gov/health-nutrition/cacfp)

Arizona Department of Health Services  
Licensed Child Care Centers  
Certified Group Homes  
Flagstaff: (928) 774-2707  
Phoenix: (602) 364-2539  
Tucson: (520) 628-6540  
Toll-free: 1-800-615-8555  
[www.azdhs.gov/als/childcare/index.htm](http://www.azdhs.gov/als/childcare/index.htm)



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## **A Child Care Guide for Arizona Providers and Parents**

### *What is REGULATED CHILD CARE in Arizona?*

Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES)  
Arizona Department of Education (ADE)  
Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS)



## Arizona Tri-Agency Child Care Matrix

Regulating Agency:	Department of Health Services (DHS)		Department of Economic Security (DES)			Department of Education (ADE)
Type of Care	Child Care Center	Child Care Group Home	Certified Family Child Care Home	In-Home Child Care	Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Registered Child Care Home	Alternative Approval Home (AA)
Environment	Center Based	Home based at provider's home	Home based at provider's home	Home based at children's home	Home based at provider's home	Home based at provider's home
Number of Children for Compensation	5 or more children	Maximum of 10 children	Maximum of 4 children	Maximum of 4 children	Maximum of 4 children	Maximum of 4 children
Adult : Child Ratio	Infants 1:5 or 2:11 Age 1 1:6 or 2:13 Age 2 1:8 Age 3 1:13 Age 4 1:15 Above 5 1:20	1:5 2:10	1:4 (1:6, if provider's own children are included)	1:4 (plus provider's own children)	1:4 (plus provider's own children)	1:4 (1:6, if provider's own children are included)
Mandatory Inspections	YES	YES (bi-annual)	YES	YES	NO	YES <sup>1</sup>
State Licensed/Certified	Licensed	Certified	Certified	Certified	Not licensed / certified	Not licensed / certified
Child Protective Services Background Check	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required (provider only)	Not Required
Department of Public Safety Fingerprint	Required	Required	Required	Required (provider only)	Required (provider only)	Required (provider only)
DES Contract/Subsidy Eligibility <sup>2</sup>	Optional	Optional	YES	YES	NO	NO
Food Program Eligibility <sup>3</sup>	Optional	Optional	YES	NO	YES	YES

<sup>1</sup> Monitored by a Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sponsor organization that contracts with ADE

<sup>2</sup> DES will pay DES-contracted child care providers a portion of child care cost when parents participate in DES-eligible activities

<sup>3</sup> CACFP will pay CACFP-contracted child care providers a portion of food cost when providing meals to children in care