



Comparison of Certified and Licensed Family Child Care

Certified Family

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THE PROCESS

Attend a two hour orientation and receive application for Certification process.

Orientation Hotline:
262-446-7800

Download the Licensing Inquiry Packet form at:
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/forms/pdf/2022.pdf>

Request the Licensing Inquiry Packet from the Licensing Department.

RATIO OF CHILDREN IN CARE

Maximum of six children at any one time. Three children under the age of seven and three children over the age of seven.

Maximum of eight children at any one time. (Depending on ages of children in care at any one time)

INDOOR SPACE

The required space indoors is 35 square foot per child. (Minimum of 210 square feet for six children).

The required space indoors is 35 square feet per child. (Minimum of 280 square feet for eight children).

OUTDOOR SPACES

The required space outdoors is 75 square feet of play space. (Minimum of 450 square feet for six children).
No fence is required.

The required space outdoors is 75 square feet of enclosed play space. (Minimum of 600 square feet for eight children). **Fence required.**

SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors are required on each level of home and in areas used by the children for nap and rest time.

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CHILD CARE ON LEVEL OTHER THAN GROUND FLOOR:

A second exit is required. The exit can be a door or window, which measures 20 inches in width and 24 inches in height but is not more than 46 inches above the floor. See rule book, DCF 202 Page 11.

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The center shall be equipped with an interconnected smoke detection system in operating condition if one or more children under age 2 will be cared for on a level that is more than 6 feet above or below the ground level.