



YOU HAVE CHOICES

LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

Family Child Care

Licensed family child care homes refer to child care in an individual's private home. The home may be rented, leased, or owned. Family Child Care (FCC) programs serve fewer children than child care centers, and parents may prefer this, especially for their babies and toddlers. Licensed family child care homes usually serve mixed-age groups, so the child's experience is more like being part of a family.

What is Family Child Care (FCC)?

Parents often choose FCC because it is a good match for the family's home language and/or culture. State licenses are issued for small (6 or 8 children) and large (12 or 14 children) capacities. These programs usually serve mixed-age groups. In addition, FCC programs tend to provide more scheduling flexibility, which parents often need.

Staff Qualifications

Family child care homes are required to be licensed and educators must be fingerprinted. Licensing requires that providers take pediatric CPR, first aid, and health and safety classes. Educators may have additional education, such as a degree in early childhood education, community college courses, or training through Sacramento County's Raising Quality Together (RQT) to ensure high quality programming for young children.

What is it	Each Family Child Care program's policies and curriculum/activities are determined by the individual program owner. Each program is unique and can vary from free play activities to structured curriculum.
Schedule	Can offer part-day, full-day, overnight, or weekend options. This is entirely negotiated between the parent and the Family Child Care owner.
Age	Varies by program. They can care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children (for before and after-school care).
Cost	Rates are determined by the program. Eligible families can utilize state-funded subsidized care. Visit childaction.org/apply-for-subsidized-care/ for more information.

