

Center Child Care: programs caring for more than 18 children must be licensed as centers. Some centers are owned by private, for-profit businesses and some are operated by non-profit entities such as religious groups, parent boards and hospitals. The number of children a center can provide for at any given time is based on square footage.

School Age Care: school age child care programs mean a school age child care center providing school age child care services exclusively to school age children before and after school, during holidays, and during summer vacation. Go to <http://nrc.uchsc.edu>, click on State Licensing and Regulation Information and click again on North Dakota for the full set of rules and regulations.

Family Child Care: offered in the home of the provider. Family child care provides an environment where children, infant through school-age, can be together. Providers are allowed to care for no more than seven children 0-12 years of age, of which no more than three children can be under the age of 24 months; or care for only four infants under the age of 24 months. Providers may be licensed to care for two additional school-age children before and after school during the school year and on school holidays. This includes your own children.

Group Child Care: offers care for as many as eighteen children under the supervision of one or more caregivers, depending on the total number and ages of children, qualifications of the provider, space available and local ordinances. This includes your own children.