New York State law requires anyone caring for 3 or more unrelated children for more than 3 hours per day be registered or licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

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| **Child Care Center**     | • Provide care for more than 6 children for more than 3 hours per day;  
                            • Not in a personal residence.  
                            • Licensed Program. |
| **Small Child Care Center** | • Provide care for 3 to 6 children for more than 3 hours per day  
                            • Not in a personal residence  
                            • Licensed Program |
| **Family Child Care Home** | • Provide care for 3 to 6 children in a home for more than 3 hours per day  
                            • An additional 1 or 2 school age children may come before and after school.  
                            • Registered Program |
| **Group Family Child Care Home** | • Provide care for 7 to 12 children in a home for more than 3 hours per day  
                            • An additional 4 school age children may come before and after school  
                            • Licensed Program |
| **School-Age Child Care Program** | • Provide care for 6 or more children (kindergartners – age 12) during non-school hours  
                            • Registered Program |
| **Nursery/Pre-School**    | • Provide care for less than 3 hours per day  
                            • Not in a personal residence.  
                            • Not required to meet OCFS regulations |
| **Informal Child Care**   | • Provide care for 1 or 2 unrelated children  
                            • Usually in the caregivers home  
                            • Not required to meet OCFS regulations |
| **Legally Exempt Child Care** | • Care in caregiver’s home or parent’s home  
                            • Often relative children and no more than 2 non-related children  
                            • Basic health and safety regulations required for enrollment  
                            • Child Care subsidies through the Department of Social Services for enrolled providers |