

## Types of Legal Child Care

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).

<p><b>Child Care Center</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide care for more than 6 children for more than 3 hours per day;</li> <li>• Not in a personal residence.</li> <li>• Licensed Program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Small Child Care Center</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide care for 3 to 6 children for more than 3 hours per day</li> <li>• Not in a personal residence</li> <li>• Licensed Program</li> </ul>
<p><b>Family Child Care Home</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide care for 3 to 6 children in a home for more than 3 hours per day</li> <li>• An additional 1 or 2 school age children may come before and after school.</li> <li>• Registered Program</li> </ul>
<p><b>Group Family Child Care Home</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide care for 7 to 12 children in a home for more than 3 hours per day</li> <li>• An additional 4 school age children may come before and after school</li> <li>• Licensed Program</li> </ul>
<p><b>School-Age Child Care Program</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide care for 6 or more children (kindergartners – age 12) during non-school hours</li> <li>• Registered Program</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nursery/Pre-School</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide care for less than 3 hours per day</li> <li>• Not in a personal residence.</li> <li>• Not required to meet OCFS regulations</li> </ul>
<p><b>Informal Child Care</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide care for 1 or 2 unrelated children</li> <li>• Usually in the caregivers home</li> <li>• Not required to meet OCFS regulations</li> </ul>
<p><b>Legally Exempt Child Care</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care in caregiver's home or parent's home</li> <li>• Often relative children and no more than 2 non-related children</li> <li>• Basic health and safety regulations required for enrollment</li> <li>• Child Care subsidies through the Department of Social Services for enrolled providers</li> </ul>