

Department of Health & Human Services

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Division of Public Health

PARENT INFORMATION BROCHURE FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE



Licensed Child Care

You have chosen to use a licensed Child Care provider for the care of your child or children.

According to Nebraska State law (Neb. Rev. Statute 71-1909), the licensing and regulation of Child Care programs exists to protect children and to assist parents in making informed decisions about the enrollment and care of their children in Child Care programs. These licensing and regulatory responsibilities are within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Nebraska Law requires anyone providing care to four or more children from different families, for compensation, to be licensed.

The Types of Licensed Child Care in Nebraska are:

- Family Child Care Home I
- Family Child Care Home II
- Preschool
- Child Care Center
- School-Age Only Center



Roles and Responsibilities of Child Care Licensing

The roles and responsibilities of DHHS Child Care Licensing staff are to ensure that programs are providing proper care for and treatment of the children they serve, and that the care and treatment are consistent with the child's physical well-being, safety, and protection.

Licensed Child Care programs are encouraged to involve you. We urge you to let your Child Care provider's staff know of any concerns. There may be situations where you believe that the program is not responding to your concerns or may not be meeting state licensing standards. This brochure,

which Child Care providers are required to share with you, provides information that might be helpful in those situations. Please complete the receipt section and return it to your Child Care provider. This will be kept with your child's records.

Responsibilities of Licensed Child Care Providers

Licensed Child Care providers should:

Comply with child care regulations for their license type at all times.

Obtain and maintain accurate records for children they have in care, such as Enrollment Forms, Parent Information Brochure Receipts, Immunization Records and Medication Administration records.

Keep accurate and up-to-date records for their license and staff members. Report changes to Child Care Licensing and complete required paperwork to reflect changes.

Allow access to their licensed facility when children are in care at all times to parents, Child Care Licensing representatives and the Fire Marshal.

Develop policies and procedures for their programs.

Communicate with families their needs and concerns for the children in care.

Contact Child Care Licensing with any question or concerns they may have.
800-600-1289
402-471-9278 or
dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crl_childcare_childcareindex.aspx

Expectations of Child Care Consumers

As a consumer of Licensed Child Care you should:

Read thoroughly all the information your provider gives you.

Complete your Child's Record Forms and return to your provider before your child begins care. Review and update these records as needed.

Supply your provider with your child's immunization records and keep them updated as needed.

Sign and date the receipt of this Parent Information Brochure for Licensed Child Care and return it to your provider before your child begins care.

Talk to your Child Care provider regularly to address needs and concerns for your children in care and as a parent.

Be informed of the child care regulations. Make sure you know what your licensed child care provider is regulated to do or not do.

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Contact Information for Child Care Licensing

The following information may be of help in gathering information about Child Care Licensing and includes a mailing address, phone numbers and websites.

For questions regarding Child Care Licensing:

800-600-1289 (toll free)
Child Care Licensing
Department of Health and Human Services
PO Box 94986
Lincoln, NE 68509-4986
dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crl_childcare_childcareindex.aspx

Review or request a copy of Child Care Licensing Regulations:

dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/reg_t391-2.aspx
Phone: 800-600-1289

Request copies of Compliance Reviews, the results of Licensing visits to the provider:

Douglas, Sarpy, Washington, Cass
County—402-595-3343
All other counties—800-600-1289

Review Negative Actions:

dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crl_monthlydisciplinereports.aspx

Make a complaint:

dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crl_childcare_complaints.aspx
Phone: 800-600-1289

Review or request a roster of Licensed Child Care Providers:

dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Documents/ChildCareRoster.pdf

Phone: 800-600-1289

Additional Resources

These resources may be of additional interest to you.

Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline
800-652-1999

Child and Adult Care Food Program:
800-731-2266
www.education.ne.gov/NS/cacfp/index.html

Child Care Subsidy (ACCESS Nebraska)
accessnebraska.ne.gov

Nebraska Dept of Health and Human Services
dhhs.ne.gov

Nebraska Immunization
dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/immunization_index.aspx

State of Nebraska
nebraska.gov

Child Care Licensing
dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/crl_childcare_childcareindex.aspx

National Network for Childcare
www.nncc.org/

National Children's Coalition
teenzeen.org