**Types of Child Care**

**New Hampshire**

- **Exempt Family Child Care Home**
  A private home in which any number of the provider’s own children, whether related biologically or through adoption, and up to 3 additional children are cared for regularly for any part of the day, but less than 24 hours. Legally operating, exempt from licensing.

- **Licensed Family Child Care Home**
  An occupied residence, licensed by the state of NH, in which the provider may care for up to 6 preschool children (of the 6 children, no more than 4 can be under 36 months of age; and of the 4 children under 36 months, no more than 2 can be under 24 months of age*) and up to 3 school-age children who attend a full day (i.e., typically 1st grade and above) school program. The provider’s own children, foster children and resident children who are under 10 years of age are included in the licensing capacity when present during child care hours. *If a family child care worker, assistant or aide (whether paid or volunteer) is employed, it is permissible for all the 4 children under 36 months of age to be under 24 months.

- **Licensed Family Group Child Care Home**
  An occupied residence, licensed by the state of NH, where the provider works with a family child care worker (must be at least 18 years of age) or an aide (must be at least 16 years old). Together, they may care for up to 12 preschool children (of the 12 children, no more than 4 can be under 36 months of age) and up to 5 school-age children who attend a full day (i.e., typically 1st grade and above) school program. The provider’s own children, foster children and resident children under 10 years of age are included in the licensing capacity when present during child care hours.

- **Exempt Family Child Care Home**
  A private home in which any number of the provider’s own children, whether related biologically or through adoption, and up to 3 additional children are cared for regularly for any part of the day, but less than 24 hours. Legally operating, exempt from licensing.

**Vermont**

- **Legally-Exempt Child Care**
  When a person cares for the child(ren) from only 1 or 2 families in addition to his/her own, regardless of the child(ren)’s age(s) and/or schedule(s). Care may take place in the private home of the provider or of the child(ren) being cared for. Legally operating, exempt from registration.

- **Registered Family Day Care Home**

  The Registrant’s occupied residence in which s/he may care for up to 6 preschool children (including up to 2 children under the age of 2 years, per caregiver*) and up to 4 school-age children who do not exceed 4 hours per day (except that these school-age children may be in care on a full day basis on snow days, emergency school closings, and vacations which occur during the school year). Children who reside in the home are not included in the limits above, unless they are under age 2. *There are also infant-only options: a Registrant may care for 3 children under age 2 as long as no other children are cared for except the school-age children residing in the home; or a Registrant and another caregiver, together may care for 6 children under age 2 as long as no other children are cared for except the resident’s school-age children.

- **Licensed Early Childhood Prog./Day Care Ctr.**

  A licensed facility (any place, operated as a business or service on a regular or continuous basis whether for compensation or not, which provides child care) whose services are designed to ensure that children are provided with wholesome growth and educational experiences. Minimum staff to child ratios for centers are as follows*:

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  When there are mixed groups of children, the staff to child ratio is based on the average age of the children. There may never be less than 2 child care personnel on the premise when 11 or more children are present.

  All information about individual families is confidential to our records.

  Complaint Policy: VT residents with concerns about Child Care Project services can contact VT’s Child Care Consumer Concern Line at (800) 649-2642.