



NC Department of Health and Human Services
NC Division of Child Development and Early Education

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Legislative Authority

- **NCGS 110-85:**
State should protect children in child care by ensuring a physically safe and healthy environment.
- Must license child care facilities
- Must develop voluntary enhanced standards

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Principle Functions of DCDEE

- Issue Licenses and Monitor Compliance in all licensed child care facilities
- Investigate Licensing Violations & Allegations of Child Maltreatment
- Provide Information, Technical Assistance, & Consultation that promotes high quality
- Process Criminal Background Checks for DHHS, including child care
- Administer NC PreK Program
- Administer Child Care Subsidy Assistance Program
- Evaluate Education for Child Care Employees

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Licensing	Investigations
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- Regional Managers (4)
- Licensing Supervisors (16)
- Lead Child Care Consultants (16)
- Child Care Consultants (110)
- Investigations Program Managers (3)
- Investigations Supervisors (6)
- Lead Investigations Consultants (3)
- Investigations Consultants (24)

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What is Child Care?

- **NCGS 110-86:**

Child care is defined as a program or arrangement where on a regular basis:

- More than 2 unrelated children are in care for more than 4 hours during a 24-hour period, and
- Who do not reside where the care is provided
- From persons not related to them by birth, marriage, or adoption

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Programs Exempt From Licensure

- Arrangements operated in the home that do not meet the definition of child care
- Recreational Programs
- Specialized Activities
- Public Schools
- Non-public schools
- Drop-in and short term care
- Department of Defense Certified programs
- Track Out programs

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Statistical Data

- Private or Community-Based Centers – 2553
 - Public School-Based Centers - 1272
 - Faith-Based (G.S. 110) Centers - 495
- Family Child Care Homes – 1,252

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Two through Five Star Rated License

- One Star License = Minimum Requirements
- Two – Five Star License is Voluntary and Meets Higher Standards
- Stars are based on points earned in two areas plus a potential Quality Point up to a maximum of 15 points:
 - 1) Program Standards
 - 2) Education Standards

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Additional Types of Permits

- Temporary License (6 months)
- Notice of Compliance (Religious Sponsored Programs)
- Provisional License (up to 12 months)
- Probationary License (up to 12 months)
- Special Provisional License (6 months)

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Permit Changes

- Addition of space within the facility that was not previously approved for use
- Increase or decrease capacity
- Add or change ages of children served
- Other restrictions as applicable

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Licensing Process:

Pre-Licensing

- Workshop
- Plan Review
- Working with consultant, EHS, BLDG & Fire inspectors

Temporary License

- Up to 6 months

Star License

One Star or Two through Five Star Rated License

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Pre-licensing Consultation

- Food service/kitchen arrangements
- Commercial kitchens or domestic equipment
- Waste disposal
- Lead Hazards
- Storage of Medications/Chemicals
- Infection Control (designated areas for sick children)

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Pre-Licensing Consultation

- Water Supply/Well Water
- Storage of Beds, Cots, Mats and Linens
- Diaper changing and disposal -
 - Special issues - ongoing supervision while changing diapers
 - diaper changing for children with special needs/school age children
- Health Inspections

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Child Care Rules Regarding Environmental Health Inspections

- Child care rule .0304(b) requires each center shall be inspected annually by an Environmental Health Specialist and receive an approved or superior rating in accordance with applicable sanitation requirements adopted by the Commission for Public Health as described in 15A NCAC 18A .2800.
- Child care rules .2204 (2) and .2204 (3) state to allow a time period for correcting a violation of the building, fire, or sanitation requirements and to allow a time period for remediation of an identified lead poisoning hazard as defined in G.S. 130A-131.7(7), regardless of whether a provisional sanitation classification has been issued. Whenever a child care facility is not in compliance with the requirements in these rules a provisional could possibly be added to their license.

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Testing for Lead In Water in Child Care Facilities

- The state budget provides funding to assist with water testing
- Child care centers and family child care homes are eligible for free testing of lead in water under the current grant funding.
- The DCDEE is currently working alongside the Child Care Commission to drafting proposed child care rules language for Family Child Care Homes.
- For more information, visit [Clean Water for Carolina Kids](#).

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Child Care Centers and Lead Testing

- Any provisional or disapproved sanitation classification that is issued for not completing the water testing before October 1, 2021, the DCDEE will give the provider 45 days from the issuance of the provisional classification to complete the water testing, after that time an administrative action may be processed.
- Additional guidance can be found at: <https://www.cleanwaterforcarolinakids.org/>

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Lead and Asbestos Testing Requirements

- Child care facilities will also be required to inspect for lead paint and asbestos hazards.
- Funds for testing, remediation, and abatement of lead in paint and water as well as asbestos hazards in schools, child care centers and family child care homes will be available this year through the S.L.2021-180 within the state budget.
- Funds will be available to pay for all inspections and to remediate hazards identified, including fixes for lead in water, lead paint, and asbestos.

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Non Compliance with Requirements

If a child care facility is non compliant with lead hazard testing an administrative action may be issued.

A Provisional License maybe issued for 6 months up to 1 year.

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Emergency Situations

- Water Line fails
- Septic Tank fails
- No heat in the winter or no air conditioning in the summer
- Floods or other natural disasters
- Outbreak of a contagious disease

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Impact of Sanitation Classifications

Notify DCDEE immediately if the sanitation classification is a:

- Provisional
- Disapproved

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- **IMMEDIATELY** fax or email copies of **Disapproved** or **Provisional** Inspections to the Raleigh office.

Fax: (919)715-1339
 Email: dcd.regulatory.teamsupport@dhhs.nc.gov

- Send Copy of **all** Inspections to the child care consultant.

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Covid-19 Response and Collaboration

- State of Emergency ended August 15
- The ChildCareStrongNC Public Health Toolkit provides guidance to licensed/regulated child care facilities.
 - This guidance is intended to help facilities make sound decisions to minimize the risk of exposure to Covid-19.

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