



CHILD CARE CONNECTIONS

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BELOW ARE THE NUMBER OF CAREGIVERS TO CHILDREN REQUIRED IN LICENSED CHILD CARE IN MONTANA.

*Drop-in, preschool, and before and after-school programs are not required by the State to be licensed.*

*When ages are mixed the ratio for the youngest child must be maintained.  
For more details and scenarios visit: [dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare/childcarelicensing](http://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/childcare/childcarelicensing).*



## Child Care Centers

Care for 16 or more children with the following caregiver-to-child ratios:

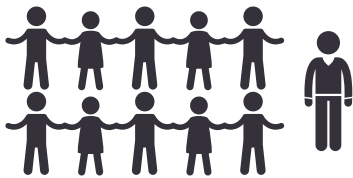
**Children 0-23 months:** 4 children per caregiver (4:1) for up to 12 children



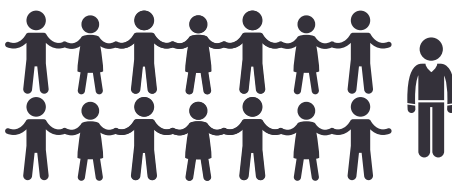
**Children 2-3 years:** 8 children per caregiver (8:1) for up to 16 children



**Children 4 years:** 10 children per caregiver (10:1) for up to 24 children



**Children 5 years + :** 14 children per caregiver (14:1) for up to 32 children



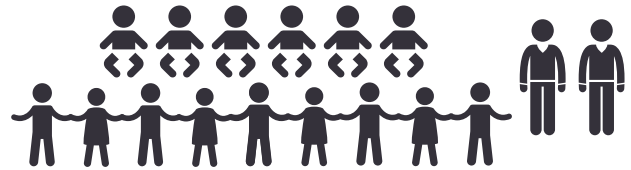
## Family Home Child Care

Care is offered in a home setting for three to eight children, with three or less under two years (8:1):



## Group Home Child Care

Two caregivers offer care for nine to 15 children, with six or less under two years (15:2):



## Family, Friend & Neighbor (FFN)


With this type of care, parents and legal guardians select an individual, often a family member, friend, or neighbor to care for all children in one family or up to four unrelated children.




For more information or to become a licensed child care provider, visit: [dphhs.mt.gov](http://dphhs.mt.gov)

## FIND QUALITY CHILD CARE

 Contact CCC for a child care referral by phone (406) 587-7786 or online at [cccmontana.org/child-care-finder](http://cccmontana.org/child-care-finder).

 Join [Child Care Share- Gallatin, Park, Meagher](#) or [Child Care Share- Helena Area](#). CCC administers these groups which allows families and licensed child care providers to easily network, and share child care needs and resources.

 Contact CCC to learn more about the Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship, and how to identify the best quality child care for your family.



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