



Do You Need a License to Provide Child Care?

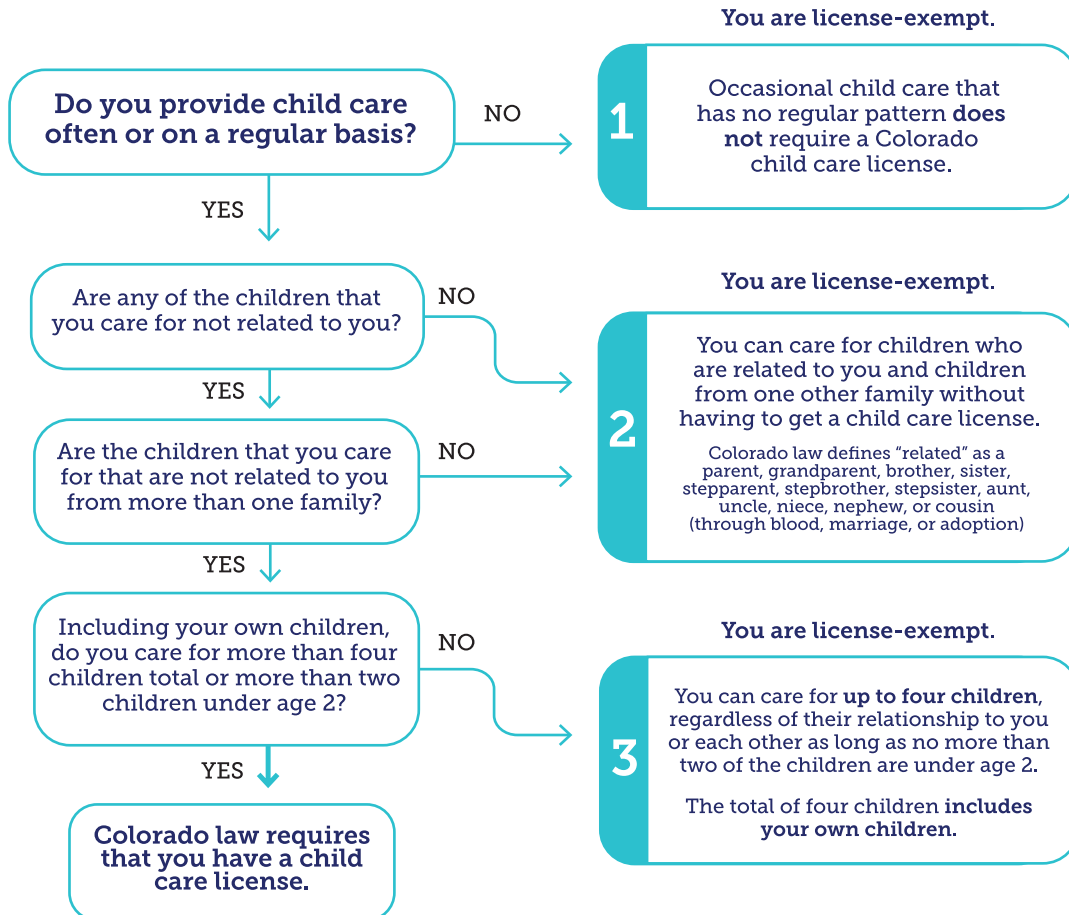
See if the child care you provide requires a Colorado child care license.

Colorado has licensing rules for providing child care. These rules are to protect the health and safety of the children receiving care.

There are **only three types** of child care situations that do not require a license. These care situations are “**license-exempt**.” Providing care outside of the three license-exempt options requires that you get a Colorado child care license.

Did You Know?

- Nanny shares and other informal types of care are still required to follow child care licensing rules.
- A child care license is connected to both the person providing care and the location where the care is provided. That means if you are moving your licensed child care program, you will need to get a license for the new location.



Become Licensed to Provide Child Care

Scan the QR code to learn about the child care licensing process.



We're Here to Help!

To contact a licensing specialist who can guide you through the licensing process, please call 800.799.5876 or email cdec_communications@state.co.us

Resources for Becoming Licensed

Learn about the Child Care Licensing Process

Orientation session with step-by-step information about the process to become licensed to provide child care in Colorado.

Learn more

(click on "Apply for a Child Care License").

Earn a Financial Bonus for Becoming Licensed

For a limited time, individuals who become licensed or CCCAP Qualified Exempt can earn a financial incentive.

[Learn more at COECstimulus.com](https://coecstimulus.com)

Resources for Licensed and License-Exempt Providers



Learn about Children's Health, Safety and Development

Free high-quality classes and learning opportunities to help you continue to grow in your knowledge and career.

[Professional Development
Information System](#)



Tips to Support Children's Learning, Birth to Age 8

Information, activities and resources that anyone can use to support the early learning and development of young children.

[Early Learning &
Development Guidelines](#)



Support & Incentives to Continually Improve Quality

Licensed child care programs benefit from coaching, resources and other support by participating in the QRIS.

[Quality Rating &
Improvement System](#)



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