

## Child Care Licensing Resources

### by the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance

The following resources were developed by the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance (ECQA Center) on the topics of health and safety and licensing. Listed below are web-based tools, planning tools, and research and issue briefs.

### Web-based Tools

The **National Database of Child Care Licensing Regulations** is a repository of state and territory licensing regulations and agency contact information. <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/licensing>

State-level data about licensing requirements are available in the **Data Explorer** tool. Click the Explore ECE Data tab and select Health and Safety as the topic, Licensing as the sub-topic, and then choose from a list of data definers that include child-staff ratios and group sizes, criminal background checks, minimum preservice qualifications, ongoing training hours, types and frequency of routine licensing inspections, and many more. <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/data>

The **National Program Standards Crosswalk Tool** is prepopulated with national early childhood program standards (such as Head Start, accreditation, Caring for Our Children). <https://occqrisguide.icfwebservices.com/index.cfm?do=crosswalk>



### Issue Briefs

**Professional Development for Child Care Licensors** (2017).

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/professional-development-child-care-licensors>



**Key Competencies for Licensors of Child Care Programs** (2017).

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/key-competencies-licensors-child-care-programs>

**Developing and Revising Child Care Licensing Requirements** (2017).

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/developing-and-revising-child-care-licensing-requirements>

**Interpretive Guides for Child Care Licensing Regulations** (2017).

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/interpretive-guides-child-care-licensing-regulations>

The **Child Care and Development Fund Health and Safety Briefs**. A series of nine briefs that address health and safety requirements specified in the Child Care and Development Fund regulations for centers and family child care settings. <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/briefs-about-health-and-safety-topics>.

## Planning Tools

***A Guide to Support States and Territories' Use of Child Care Licensing Data*** (2017).

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/guide-support-states-and-territories-use-child-care-licensing-data>

***Monitoring Cost Estimation Calculator*** (2017).

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/monitoring-cost-estimation-calculator>

***Caring for Our Children Basics Health and Safety Standards Alignment Tool for Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes*** (2017).

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/caring-our-children-basics-health-and-safety-standards-alignment-tool-child-care-centers>

## Research Briefs

***Research Brief #1: Trends in Child Care Center Licensing Regulations and Policies for 2014*** (2015).

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/research-brief-1-trends-child-care-center-licensing-regulations-and-policies-2014>

***Research Brief #2: Trends in Family Child Care Home Licensing Regulations and Policies for 2014*** (2015).

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/research-brief-2-trends-family-child-care-home-licensing-regulations-and-policies-2014>

***Research Brief #3: Trends in Group Child Care Home Licensing Regulations and Policies for 2014*** (2015).

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/research-brief-3-trends-group-child-care-home-licensing-regulations-and-policies-2014>



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