

Using the CCDF Policies Database

Health and Safety Monitoring Requirements for Unlicensed Home-Based Providers

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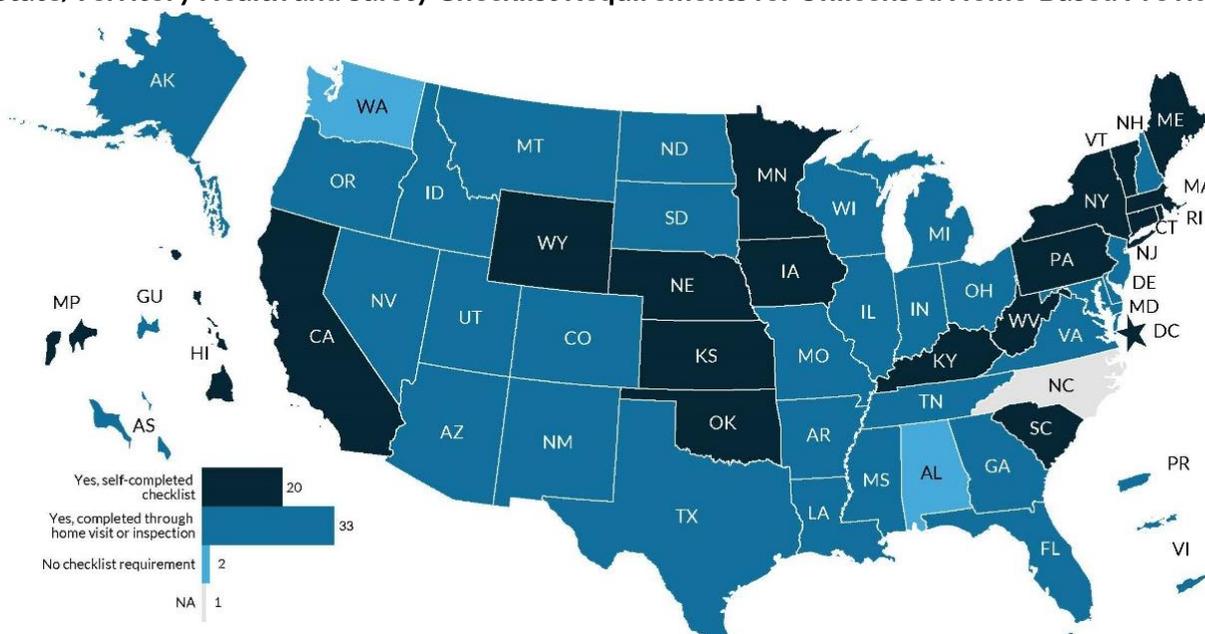
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Each State/Territory CCDF program includes extensive policies related to child care providers. These policies operate within the context of a State/Territory's broader policies concerning child care licensing and regulation. However, some policies related to providers are specific to the CCDF program. These include rules for unlicensed home-based providers (those caring for a small number of children in the child or provider's home) who are outside the scope of a State/Territory's broader child care regulations but who must meet certain standards to participate in the subsidy program.

Historically, requirements regarding health and safety standards for unlicensed home-based providers have varied across States/Territories. These requirements often included complying with a list of health and safety standards, either through a self-completed checklist or through home visits or inspections. With the reauthorization of the federal block grant that funds CCDF, States/Territories will be required to have licensing inspectors (or qualified monitors designated by the State/Territory agency) perform annual inspections of license-exempt providers' facilities to ensure they are following health, safety, and fire standards. States/Territories shown as not yet requiring home inspections as of October 1, 2018 may have been operating under a waiver to delay implementation of the health and safety inspection policy.

State/Territory Health and Safety Checklist Requirements for Unlicensed Home-Based Providers (2018)



Source: Child Care and Development Fund Policies Database. **Note:** Number labels represent the number of States/Territories. **Note:** North Carolina does not allow unlicensed home-based providers to provide care through the subsidy program.

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Here we provide step-by-step instructions for how we accessed the policies shown in this fact sheet.

1. At <https://ccdf.urban.org>, click on the tab “Search Database.”
2. Select the policy category “Health and safety checklist requirements for unlicensed home-based providers.”
3. Select the policy variables (1) ChecklistRequirement, (2) ChecklistPersonCompletes, (3) ChecklistEnforcementInspection.
4. Select “check all” 56 States/Territories.
5. Select the date “as of” October 1, 2018.
6. Select “Primary Policy” to see the main policies (for additional details, select “All Policies/Variations” or “Show More Filters”).

We used the resulting data table to create the figure shown in this fact sheet.

WHAT OTHER QUESTIONS CAN YOU ANSWER WITH THE DATABASE?

You could create your own fact sheets for any of the hundreds of variables in the database (e.g., income eligibility limits or minimum work hours for parents). You can also use the variables in your own research. The website provides database documentation and codebooks with more information about what policy categories and variables are available, and how the variables are defined and coded.

A tutorial video for using the search tool is also available at <https://ccdf.urban.org/instructions>.

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Health and Safety Training Requirements for Unlicensed Home-Based Providers

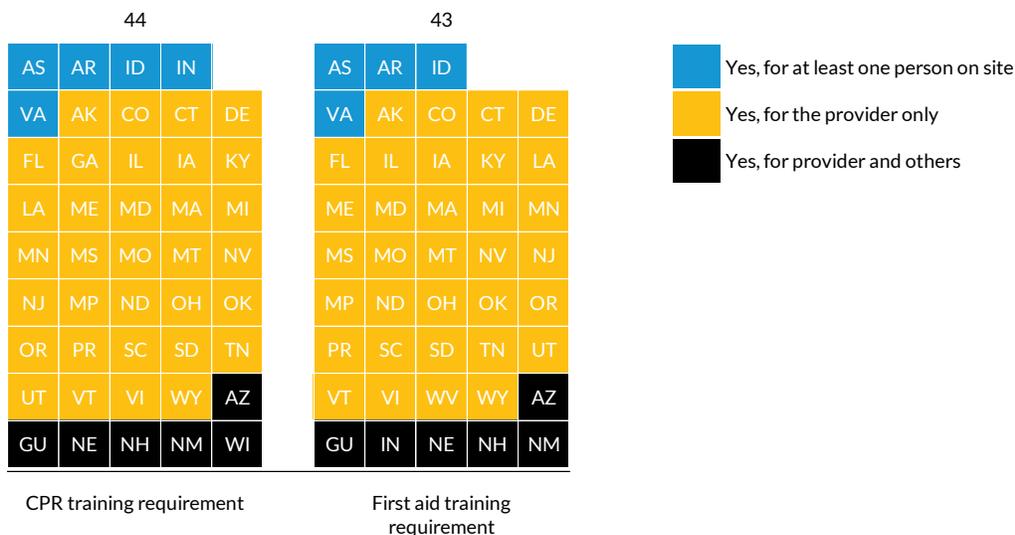
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Historically, requirements regarding health and safety training standards for unlicensed home-based providers have varied across States/Territories. These requirements often included CPR and first aid training. With the reauthorization of the federal block grant that funds CCDF, States/Territories will have to establish preservice or orientation training and ongoing training requirements that address health and safety standards and are appropriate for the type of provider. States/Territories not yet requiring trainings as of October 1, 2018 may have been operating under a waiver to delay implementation of the health and safety training policy.

State/Territory Health and Safety Training Policies for Unlicensed Home-Based Providers (2018)



Source: Child Care and Development Fund Policies Database.
Note: Number labels represent the number of States/Territories. For more information on who, in addition to providers, may be required to complete trainings, see the CCDF Policies Database. States/Territories not included in the graphic either do not have the training requirement or do not allow unlicensed home-based providers to receive CCDF.

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