



Call a CCR&R parent referral specialist for help navigating child care in Iowa.

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Types of care



Center/Preschool

- Licensed with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) every two years
- Annual inspection from HHS licensing staff
- All staff that have contact with children have had an Iowa Abuse Registry record check and a criminal history check
- All staff over 18 have been fingerprinted
- All staff are required to be trained in CPR & First Aid, Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter, Essentials Child care Preservice and Universal Precautions
- All staff need 6 hours of continuing education annually



Child Development Home A, B, C1, and C

- Registered with HHS every two years (may be called a registered provider)
- Annual inspection from HHS
- Anyone 14 or older living in the home has an Iowa Abuse Registry record check and a criminal history check
- Provider and anyone 18 years of age or older living in the home have been fingerprinted
- Providers need 24 hours of continuing education during 2 year registration period.



Child Care Home approved for Child Care Assistance (CCA)

- Have a signed Child Care Assistance Provider Agreement with HHS
- Annual inspection from HHS
- Anyone 14 or older living in the home has an Iowa Abuse Registry record check and a criminal history check
- Providers need six hours of continuing education during each two year agreement



Child Care Home:

- Not regulated by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (may be called an unregistered provider)
- Does not have a signed Child Care Assistance (CCA) Provider Agreement with HHS

NOTE: Required trainings for all registered providers: CPR/First Aid, Mandatory Child Abuse Reporter & Essentials Child Care Preservice