

Family Child Care Homes

Types and Enrollment Limits

Type A Home This is a family child care home that is licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Under Ohio law Type A homes can have one or two caregivers and may serve up to 12 children, including caregivers' children under age 6. Enrollment limits depend on the ages of infants and the number of staff. See the chart below. No more than 3 children can be under 18 months of age.

Infants Under 12 Months/1 Staff					Infants 12-18 Months/1 or 2 Staff				
# Infants		# Toddlers or Older	=	Total	# Infants		# Toddlers or Older	=	Total
0	+	6	=	6	0	+	6	=	6
1	+	4	=	5	1	+	5	=	6
2	+	3	=	5	2	+	4	=	6
3	+	2	=	5	3	+	3	=	6

Type B Private Provider Home In this type of home, one caregiver is legally allowed to care for six children but no more than three under two years of age but the home is not regulated.

Type B Professional Home This home is licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, meaning the home is inspected for health and safety and caregivers have undergone child care training and criminal background checks. In this type of home, there can be one adult caring for no more than six children.

Care for Kids Home A Care for Kids Gold Seal Home is one in which the provider has achieved the highest credential of quality given to a family child care home. Care for Kids home providers are licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and must meet higher Care for Kids standards including, ongoing child development training, technical assistance and site visits, as well as inspections and criminal checks.

Alternate Approved Home This kind of family child care home is USDA approved by a USDA agency which means it has been inspected and providers are trained in nutrition by that agency annually.