Licensed Child Care Comparison

Licensing Requirement	Outdoor Nature Based (NB)	School-age Center (SC)	Certified Center (CC)	Certified Family (CF)	Registered Family (RF)
CCLD Application and Fee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CBR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
EHS Inspection	Annually	Annually	Annually	Annually	No
Fire Inspection	Every 2 years • If a building is used for any purpose other than meeting the biological needs of children/staff • If the program does not utilize indoor space for any purpose, evidence of requesting a fire safety consultation from the fire marshal is required.	Yes- every two years	Yes- every two years	Not required	Not required
CCLD Health & Safety Review	Annually	Annually	Annually	Annually	Every 2 years
Lead Testing of water source	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
EMS* Notification	Yes | see PR-0957	No	No	No	No
Space	Outdoor - 4000 sq. ft. per child Outdoor classroom - 75 sq. ft. per child (no barrier required)	Indoor – 35 sq. ft. per child Outdoor – 75 Sq. ft. per child	Indoor – 35 sq. ft. per child Outdoor – 75 Sq. ft. per child (must be fully enclosed by a 4-foot barrier/fence)	Indoor – 35 sq. ft. per child for first 12 then an additional 50 sq. ft. Outdoor – 75 sq. ft. per child (must be fully enclosed by a 4-foot barrier/fence)	No space specific requirements
Toilets	Indoor toilet, portable chemical toilet, toilet on public land (such as state park or nature center), portable toilet, composting/pit toilet, and/or backcountry toileting while hiking	1 toilet for every 15 School-age children	1 toilet for every 10 Older Toddlers 1 toilet for every 15 Pre-K or School-age children	At least 1 toilet in the home	At least 1 toilet in the home
Ratio	Preschool: 1:8, and max. group size of 16 School-age 1:10, and a max. group size of 20	School Age – 1:15 max group size 30	Infants/Young Toddlers - 1:4 max group size 8 Older Toddler – 1:5 max group size 10 Preschool – 1:10 max group size 20 School Age – 1:15 max group size 30	Ratio chart: based on how many children are under 24 months; maximum capacity 16 children	Maximum 10 children Including no more than 2 children under 2 years old, and 6 total children under school-age

*EMS: Emergency Medical Services

Comparison of Types of Licensed Child Care

Licensing Requirement	Outdoor Nature Based (NB)	School-age Center (SC)	Certified Center (CC)	Certified Family (CF)	Registered Family (RF)
Supervision	Sight **AND** sound at all times	Sight **OR** sound at all times	Sight **AND** sound at all times	Sight **OR** sound at all times	Sight **OR** sound at all times
Staff on site	Must have at least 2 staff present at all times	Can have 1 staff if ratios allow	Can have 1 staff if ratios allow	Can have 1 staff if ratios allow	1 provider
Qualifications	**Director**: 20 hours of NB education and 250 hours of outdoor education experience; child development knowledge and management of adults experience **Teacher**: 10 hours of NB education	**Program Coordinator:** Have at least one year of experience supervising adults; and 10 hours of Program Management (PM) training **Program Leader:** Experience or education in the field	**Director**: child development knowledge and management of adults experience; 10 hours of Program Management (PM) training **Teacher**: Experience or education in the field	**Provider**: Experience or education in the field	**Provider:** must be 18 years old
Benefit Risk Assessment	Yes, Template PR-0938	No	No	No	No
Emergency Plan	Yes, Template PR-0939	Yes, Template PR-0602	Yes, Template PR-0191	Yes, Template PR-0190	Yes, Template PR-0190
Philosophy	Must have a written curriculum philosophy that describes how the program supports child development through nature-based learning.	Center philosophy on how children learn and develop, and how this philosophy is implemented	Center philosophy on how children learn and develop, and how this philosophy is implemented	No	No
Time Outdoors	All time is spent outdoors	Minimum time requirement in rule	Minimum time requirement in rule	Daily, no time requirement	Daily, no time requirement
Risky Play (tree climbing, campfires, etc.)	Yes, via benefit risk assessment See CCLD-0938	No	No	No	No
Visitor Plan and Visitor Log	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Napping	Yes, if care is more than 6 hours	No	Yes, if care is more than 6 hours	Yes	Yes
Ongoing Annual Training	15 hours | See PR-0949	15 hours | See PR-0603	15 hours | See PR-0203	15 hours | See PR-0204	10 hours every 2 years | See PR-0204
Wilderness CPR/First Aid required	Yes, if it takes more than 30 minutes to reach emergency medical care	No	No	No	No
Screen time allowed	2.5 hours a week	2.5 hours a week	2.5 hours a week	5 hours a week	5 hours a week