



NC Department of Health and Human Services  
NC Division of Child Development and Early Education

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### Legislative Authority

- **NCGS 110-85:**  
State should protect children in child care by ensuring a physically safe and healthy environment
  - Must license child care facilities
  - Must develop voluntary enhanced standards

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### Principle Functions of DCDEE

- Issue Licenses and Monitor Compliance in all licensed child care facilities
- Investigate Licensing Violations & Allegations of Child Maltreatment
- Provide Information, Technical Assistance & Consultation that promotes high quality
- Conduct Criminal Background Checks for DHHS, including child care
- Administer NC PreK Program
- Administer Child Care Subsidy Assistance Program
- Evaluate Education for Child Care Employees

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<b>Licensing</b>	<b>Investigations</b>
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- Regional Managers (4)
- Licensing Supervisors (16)
- Lead Child Care Consultants (16)
- Child Care Consultants (110)
- Investigations Program Managers (3)
- Investigations Supervisors (6)
- Lead Investigations Consultants (3)
- Investigations Consultants (24)

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**What is Child Care?**

- **NCGS 110-86:**  
 Child Care is defined as a program or arrangement where on a regular basis:
  - More than 2 unrelated children are in care for more than 4 hours during a 24-hour period, and
  - Who do not reside where the care is provided

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**Programs Exempt From Licensure**

- Arrangements operated in the home that do not meet the definition of child care
- Recreational Programs
- Specialized Activities
- Public Schools
- Non-public schools
- Drop-in and short term care
- Department of Defense Certified programs
- Track Out programs

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**Statistical Data**

- Child Care Center – 4,348
  - Centers in a Residence – 206
  - Religious Sponsored - 326
- Family Child Care Home – 1,284

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**Two through Five Star Rated License**

- One Star License = Minimum Requirements
- Two – Five Star License is Voluntary and Meets Higher Standards
- Stars are based on points earned in two areas plus a potential Quality Point up to a maximum of 15 points:
  - 1) Program Standards 2) Education Standards

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**Additional Types of Permits**

- Temporary License ( 6 months)
- Notice of Compliance (Religious Sponsored Programs)
- Provisional License (up to 12 months)
- Probationary License (up to 12 months)
- Special Provisional License (6 months)

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### Permit Changes

- Addition of space within the facility that was not previously approved for use
- Increase or decrease capacity
- Add or change ages of children served
- Other restrictions as applicable

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### Licensing Process:

**PRE-LICENSING**

- workshop
- plan review
- working with Consultant, EHS, Bldg. & Fire Inspectors

• **TEMPORARY LICENSE**  
- up to 6 months

• **STAR LICENSE – One Star or Two through Five Star Rated License**

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### Pre-licensing Consultation

- Food service/kitchen arrangements
- Commercial kitchens or domestic equipment
- Waste disposal
- Lead Hazards
- Storage of Medications/Chemicals
- Infection Control (designated areas for sick children)

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### Pre-Licensing Consultation

- Water Supply/Well Water
- Storage of Beds, Cots, Mats and Linens
- Diaper changing and disposal -
  - Special issues - ongoing supervision while changing diapers
  - diaper changing for children with special needs/school age children
- Health Inspections

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### Lead Testing in Child Care Centers

- Beginning July 1, 2021, child care providers may begin to see provisional and disapproved sanitation classifications being issued for noncompliance for not completing water testing.
- Additional guidance can be found at: <https://www.cleanwaterforcarolinakids.org/>
- Additional lead hazards in child care facilities

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### Emergency Situations

- Water Line fails
- Septic Tank fails
- No heat in the winter or no air conditioning in the summer
- Floods or other natural disasters
- Outbreak of a contagious disease

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### Impact of Sanitation Classifications

Notify DCDEE immediately if the sanitation classification is a:

- Provisional
- Disapproved

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### Covid-19 Response and Collaboration

- Ongoing collaboration to slow the spread and support child care
- The ChildCareStrongNC Public Health Toolkit provides guidance to licensed/regulated child care facilities.
  - This guidance is intended to help facilities make sound decisions to minimize the risk of exposure to Covid-19.

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### DCDEE/DENR

- IMMEDIATELY fax or email copies of Disapproved or Provisional Inspections to Raleigh (919)715-1339

Email

dcd.regulatory.teamsupport@dhhs.nc.gov

- Send Copy of all Inspections to Child Care Consultant

**COMMUNICATION! COMMUNICATION!**

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