



Don't be in the Dark About Child Care

Talking Points/Fact Sheet

- ◆ Children in out-of-home care need to be in regulated care because:
 - Care is regulated by the DFPS. The agency has minimum health and safety standards that all operations must meet to provide care for children. This is the baseline of care that must be offered to children across the state.
 - The agency investigates all reports of abuse and neglect to children in out-of-home care. In certain situations, investigations are conducted with law enforcement.
 - Child Care Licensing staff investigate child care operations when minimum standards are not being met.
- ◆ Children in unregulated care are 16 times more likely to suffer a serious injury or death. Child abuse incidents are significantly increased in unregulated care.
- ◆ Child care centers have at least one unannounced inspection per year.
- ◆ Child Care Homes have at least one unannounced inspection every three years.
- ◆ Child care providers must have to have 15 clock hours of training annually.
- ◆ Child care directors must have at 20 clock hours of training annually.
- ◆ One caregiver per group of children must have current training in first aid with rescue breathing and choking.
- ◆ One caregiver or employee per child care center, and one caregiver or employee for each group of children away from the center, must have current training in CPR for infants, children, and adults.
- ◆ Child Care Home providers must have current training in first aid with rescue breathing and choking.
- ◆ Child Care Home providers must have current training in CPR for infants, children and adults.

Statistics

- ◆ In fiscal year 2006, there are 377 Monitoring Staff and Investigators that conducted the application, monitoring and follow-up inspections for centers and homes; investigate all standard related and abuse/neglect allegations.
- ◆ In fiscal year 2005, 22,950 staff conducted monitoring inspections.
- ◆ In fiscal year 2005, staff conducted 8,130 abuse/neglect and standards related investigations.
- ◆ As of August 31, 2005, there were:

8,900	Licensed Child Care Centers
1,645	Licensed Child Care Homes
7,808	Registered Child Care Homes
4,132	Listed Family Homes

912, 933 Total Capacity for all operation types