

Child Day Care Licensed vs Unlicensed



THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES' DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND EMPLOYMENT (ECE) LICENCES FAMILY DAY HOMES, DAY CARE CENTRES, PRESCHOOLS AND ABORIGINAL HEAD START PROGRAMS UNDER THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES' CHILD DAY CARE ACT AND STANDARDS REGULATIONS

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There are many benefits to choosing licensed child care. Licensed child day care facilities are inspected and monitored by ECE to ensure they meet requirements set out in the *Child Day Care Act* and *Standards Regulations* to protect the health, safety, and well-being of children. Just a few of the things that ECE ensures are followed include:

- First Aid and Child CPR training;
- Criminal record check, including vulnerable sector search;
- \$2 million liability insurance;
- Proper staff to child ratios;
- Policies regarding illnesses, confidentiality, behavior management, illness and communicable disease, transportation, and field trips;
- Menus, policies, licenses, *Child Day Care Act* and *Regulations* posted where parents can easily view;
- Safe storage of medical supplies and poisonous products such as cleaning supplies; and
- Applications for enrolment kept for each child.



Environmental Health and the Fire Chief/Marshal also inspect each licensed child care facility annually.

ECE provides professional development opportunities free of charge to licensed child care programs. As well, they are eligible to receive funding for start-up expenses, minor health and safety funding, and on-going subsidies to assist with operation and maintenance costs.

The public can now view annual licensing information on-line. Licensing inspections that take place after April 1, 2015 will have information posted on ECE's website: <http://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/>.

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