Early Childhood Education Comparison Chart

	Home-Based Childcare			Small Employer-Based (Fewer than 100 employees)	<u>Centers</u> (Standalone or on-site at a large employer's business)	
	Listed Homes	Registered Homes	Licensed Homes	On-Site Childcare Facilities	Centers with 12 or Fewer Children	Centers with More Than 12 Children
License Type	Listing	Registration	License	Permit	License	License
Annual Inspections	No Routine Inspections	Unannounced Annual Inspections	Unannounced Annual Inspections	No Routine Inspections	Unannounced Annual Inspections	Unannounced Annual Inspections
Has Minimum Standards?	Yes, for listed homes	Yes, for registered homes	Yes, for licensed homes	No minimum standards	Yes, for centers	Yes, for centers
Minimum Number of Children	N/A	N/A	7	N/A	7	7
Maximum Number of Children	3 unrelated children	6 unrelated children during school hours plus another 6 after school (No more than 12 including related children)	12	Only employees' children and no more than 12 children	12	No max as long as maintain child- caregiver ratios
Child-to-Caregiver Ratios	No more than 3 unrelated (or 12 including related) children for the primary caregiver	Homes	Ratios in Licensed Homes	One to four	Ratios for Centers with 12 or fewer children	Ratios for Centers with 13 or more children
Location	In Primary Caregiver's Home	In Primary Caregiver's Home	In Primary Caregiver's Home	On the premises of an employer with fewer than 100 employees	At a center outside of license-holder's home	At a center outside of license-holder's home er

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Minimum and	At least 4 hours At least 4 hours		At least 2 hours	No minimum standards	At least 2 hours but	At least 2 hours but less
Maximum Time	a day	a day	but less than 24		less than 24 hours	than 24 hours
Offering Care			hours			
Hours Per Day						
Minimum Days	3 days a week	3 days a week	3 days a week	No minimum standards	3 days a week	3 days a week
Offering Care	for 3	for 3				
	consecutive	consecutive				
	weeks or 40	weeks or 40				
	days a year	days a year				
Primary Caregiver	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary Caregiver	Director	Director
or Director?	Caregiver	Caregiver	Caregiver			
Primary	Qualifications	Qualifications	Qualifications	Caregiver qualifications	Qualifications for	Qualifications for
Caregiver/Director	for Primary	for Primary	for Primary		director of a center	director of center with
Requirements	Caregiver of	Caregiver of	Caregiver of		with 12 or fewer	13 or more children
	<u>Listed Home</u>	Registered	<u>Licensed Home</u>		<u>children</u>	
		<u>Home</u>				