

# Licensed Child Care in Saskatchewan

## 1. Types of Child Care in Saskatchewan

### Licensed Child Care Centres

- Staff are required to be certified early childhood educators, or in the process of obtaining their certification
- All staff members are to undergo criminal record checks
- All child care centres must be licensed by the Ministry of Education
- All child care centres in Saskatchewan must be licensed.

### Licensed Family Child Care Homes

- All adults living in the home are required to complete a criminal record check
- An alternate caregiver must be in place should the primary caregiver be ill or otherwise unavailable

Licensed Child Care is regulated and monitored by the Ministry of Education.

Licensed centres and family child care homes meet and maintain specific standards, including:

- maintaining a proper child-to-caregiver ratio based on the age of the child;
- following recommendations by Early Learning and Child Care Consultants; and
- undergoing regular checks and annual license review.

### Unlicensed Child Care

Unlicensed family child care homes are not monitored by the Ministry of Education, but they are expected to follow the regulations regarding the child to caregiver ratio. If you have any concerns, please contact your Child Care Regional Office or call toll free 1-855-824-9419.

## 2. Number of Children in Care

The Child Care Regulations identify the maximum number of children one person can be responsible for at any one time. The number depends on the ages of the children. **These numbers apply to both licensed and unlicensed child care options.**

In licensed child care centres, one worker can care for a maximum of three infants, five toddlers, ten pre-school age children, or 15 school age children except in specific circumstances identified in the regulations.

In family child care homes, whether licensed or unlicensed, may care for a maximum of eight children. Five of these children may be infants, toddlers, and pre-school children of which only two may be infants and toddlers. If three infants and toddlers are in care, all other children must be of school age.