

ARIZONA TRI-AGENCY CHILD CARE MATRIX

Regulating Agency	Department of Health Services (DHS)		Department of Economic Security (DES)			Department of Education (ADE)
Type of care	Child Care Center	Child Care Group Home	Certified Family Child Care Home	In-Home Child Care	Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR & R) Registered Child Care Home	Alternative Approval Home (AA)
Environment	Center Based	Home Based at Provider's Home	Home Based at Provider's Home	Home Based at Children's Home	Home Based at Provider's Home	Home Based at Provider's Home
Number of Children for Compensation	5 or more Children	Maximum of 10 Children	Maximum of 4 Children	Maximum of 4 Children	Maximum of 4 Children	Maximum of 4 Children
Adult Child Ratio	Infants: 1:5 or 2:11 Age 1: 1:6 or 2:13 Age 2: 1:8 Age 3: 1:13 Age 4: 1:15 Above 5: 1:20	1:5 2:10 (plus provider's own children)	1:4 (1:6 if provider's own children are included)	1:4 (plus provider's own children)	1:4 (plus provider's own children)	1:4 (1:6 if provider's own children are included)
Mandatory Inspections	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes ¹
State Licensed/Certified	Licensed	Certified	Certified	Certified	Not licensed/certified	Not licensed/certified
Child Protective Services Background Check	Required	Required	Required	Required	Required (child care provider only)	Not Required
Department of Public Safety Fingerprint	Required	Required	Required	Required (child care provider only)	Required (child care provider only)	Required (child care provider only)
Eligible for DES Contract/Subsidy²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Eligible for Food Program³	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



¹ Monitored by a Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sponsor organization that contracts with ADE.

² DES will reimburse a portion of child care expenses for families who qualify for child care assistance and who choose a provider that holds a DES contract.

³ CACFP will pay CACFP - contracted child care providers a portion of food cost when providing meals to children in care.