



# Early Child Care Facilities

## STATE OF NEBRASKA LICENSING VS. CITY OF LINCOLN ZONING REGULATIONS

### Early child care providers in Lincoln must follow two separate sets of rules:

- State of Nebraska regulations determine licensing requirements for child care providers.
- City of Lincoln zoning regulations determine where child care facilities are allowed to operate and how they are classified.

*The table below explains how the state licensing categories relate to the City's zoning categories.*

State License Type	Located in Provider's Residence?	Number of Children Allowed	City of Lincoln Zoning Category	Number of Children Allowed (must be under the age of 13)
Family Child Care Home I	Yes	4-8 (Up to 10 in some circumstances)*	Early Child Care Facility (Conditional Use)	1 - 20
Famliy Child Care Home II	Yes	4-12	Early Child Care Facility (Conditional Use)	1 - 20
Famliy Child Care Home II (not located in residence)	No	Up to 12	Early Child Care Facility	May require zoning review
Child Care Center	No	13 or more	Early Child Care Facility	May require special permit
School Age Only Center	Yes or No	13 or more	Private School (Conditional Use)	Determined through zoning approval

**Notes:**

\* Providers licensed for Family Child Care Home I may add two additional school-age children during non-school hours, provided no more than two of the other children in care are under 18 months of age.

\*\* School-Age-Only Centers serve children who attend kindergarten or higher grades.