



Regulatory Oversight of Day Care Operations in Texas

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Regulated Day Care Operations

HHSC Child Care Regulation (CCR) is responsible for permitting, monitoring and investigating the following day care operations:

- Licensed Child Care Centers
- Licensed Before or After-School Programs
- Licensed School-Age Programs
- Licensed Child Care Homes
- Registered Child Care Homes
- Listed Family Homes
- Temporary Shelter Care
- Small Employer Based Child Care Operations



Unregulated Operations Unit (UOU)

Created by the 86th Legislature, the Unregulated Operations Unit (UOU) is comprised of staff across the state who:

- Proactively search for and identify child care facilities that are operating without a license, certification, registration or listing.
- Educate providers on the benefits of becoming regulated.
- Refer unregulated operations to Regulatory Enforcement when necessary.
- Engage in community outreach.
- Make exemption determinations.



Day Care Capacity for FY 2024

(as of Aug. 20, 2024)

Operation Type	Number of Operations	Capacity
Licensed Child Care Centers (LCCC) – Child Care Programs	8,626	1,033,099
LCCC – Before/After School Programs	897	74,013
LCCC – School-Age Programs	762	78,455
Listed Family Homes	2,244	4,245
Registered Child Care Homes	2,412	26,202
Licensed Child Care Homes	1,750	19,874
Total	16,691	1,235,888



Funding for Day Care Oversight

Funding for CCR oversight of day care operations comes from:

- Federal Child Care Development Block Grant through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).
- State general revenue.
- Fees collected for child care permits and certificates that are deposited into the General Revenue Fund and appropriated to CCR.



Internal and External Agency Coordination

CCR works closely with the following agencies and divisions to ensure safe and quality child care in Texas:

- **TWC**
 - Child Care and Early Learning Division
 - Pre-Kindergarten Partnerships
- **Texas Education Agency**
 - Office of School Programs / Early Childhood Education Division
- **Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)**
- **HHSC**
 - Early Childhood Intervention
 - Family Support Services



Child Care Data Sharing

CCR shares data with:

- DFPS
- TWC
- Legislative Budget Board

The following data is shared:

- Type of Operation
- Permit Status of Operation
- Capacity of Operation
- Location of Operation with Operating Hours



Public Use Data

The following data are available for public use:

- The [CCR Data Book](#) is a descriptive statistical resource of services provided to Texans by HHSC for the past 10 fiscal years.
- The [HHSC CCL Daycare and Residential Operations Data | Open Data Portal](#) contains detailed information about Day Care and Residential Care Operations available on the public [Search Texas Child Care](#) site.



CCR Community Outreach

CCR community outreach efforts include:

- Health Fairs
- Back to School Events
- City Library Partnerships
- National Night Out
- Meetings with Community Leaders



CCR Community Outreach

CCR also collaborates with a variety of community groups across the state, including:

- Early Learning Alliance
- United Way
- Help Me Grow
- Early Childhood Coalitions
- First 3 Years
- Early Matters



Community Outreach: Navigators

CCR received funding from TWC to create navigator positions to support child care expansion efforts. Eight navigators are located across the state.

The role of a navigator is to:

- Support applicants during the application process to improve issuance rates.
- Identify and provide resources to help build and sustain child care businesses.
- Collaborate with other agencies on child care capacity building initiatives.





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Challenges to Child Care Accessibility

Child care operators have shared they are experiencing the following challenges:.

- Financial
 - Staff Pay
 - Tuition Increases
 - Rising Property Values
- Fewer Operations in Rural Areas
- Increasing Regulations