

Program Licensure

WHAT IS A VDSS-LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITY?

**Department of Social Services
Commonwealth of Virginia**

The Young Children's Program is not licensed by the Virginia department of social services VDSS because of the conflict of a government agency overseeing another government agency. However, the Young Children's Program follows all VDSS guidelines.

The Commonwealth of Virginia helps assure parents that child day programs with responsibility for the supervision, protection, and well-being of a child for any part of a 24-hour day are safe. Title 63.1, Chapter 10 of the Code of Virginia gives the Department of Social Services authority for licensure. Licensed programs include child day centers, family day homes, child day care systems, and family day care systems. The state may also voluntarily register family day homes not required to be licensed.

Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers set standards for health precautions, adequate play space, ratio of children to staff, equipment, program and record keeping. Criminal record checks and specific qualifications for staff and most volunteers working directly with children are also required. Standards require the facility to meet applicable fire, health, and building codes.