

School Age Child Care

Age Range	Staff per # Children	Maximum Group Size
5 to 9 years old	1 Staff per 10 Children	20 Children
10 to 12 years old	1 Staff per 15 Children	30 Children
Mixed group ages 5 to 12	1 Staff per 10 Children	20 Children

School Age Child Care refers to before or after school programs, programs during school vacations or holidays, and summer programs. These types of programs must be registered. When a school age program cares for children both over and under age 10, the staff/child ratio must be the ratio applicable to the youngest child in the group.

Staff to child ratios and child care regulations are extensive and complex. If you have any questions, please contact us at 716-877-6666.

Our services include:

- ✚ Education, resources, and child care referrals for families looking for child care.
- ✚ Professional development, program support and grants for new and existing early care and education providers.
- ✚ Collaboration with early care and education associations in Erie County to benefit families with young children throughout the region.
- ✚ Consulting and feasibility studies for local businesses and corporations considering on-site or subsidized child care services for their employees.

Our vision:

High quality early care and education for all children.

Our mission:

To support families, providers, and the community by advancing and developing quality, accessible, and affordable early care and education for all children.

Your link to high quality child care.



Staff to Child Ratios for Child Care Settings



1000 Hertel Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14216

Phone: (716) 877-6666
or 1-866-281-4739
Fax: (716) 877-6205

www.wnychildren.org

Business Hours
Monday through Friday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Staff to Child Ratios and Maximum Group Sizes

Family Child Care

# Staff	# Children under 2 years	# Children Over 2 years	School Age	Maximum Group Size
1	2	4	2	8
1	0	6	2	8
2	4	2	2	8
3	6	0	2	8

Family Child Care is child care in a home for more than three hours a day. For this type of care, the provider is registered and has fewer regulations. The maximum number of children in care is eight. There must be at least one child care provider present for every two children under the age of two.

Group Family Child Care

# Staff	# Children under 2 years	# Children Over 2 years	School Age	Maximum Group Size
2	4	8	4	16
2	0	12	4	16
3	6	6	4	16

Group Family Child Care is child care in a home for more than three hours a day. For this type of child care, the provider must be licensed with at least one full-time assistant. The maximum number of children in care is sixteen. There must be at least one child care provider present for every two children under the age of two.

Regulations are subject to change. For the latest information, call the NYS Office of Children & Family Services at 716-847-3145 for Group Family and Center-Based Care, or call our Child Care Registration Office at 716-877-6666 ext. 3088 for Family and School Age Care.

Center-Based Child Care

Age Range	Staff per # Children	Maximum Group Size	# Staff for Maximum Group Size
6 weeks to 18 months	1 Staff per 4 Children	8 Children	2 Staff
18 months to 36 months	1 Staff per 5 Children	12 Children	3 Staff
3 Years	1 Staff per 7 Children	18 Children	3 Staff
4 Years	1 Staff per 8 Children	21 Children	3 Staff
5 Years	1 Staff per 9 Children	24 Children	3 Staff
6 Through 9 Years	1 Staff per 10 Children	20 Children	2 Staff
10-12 Years	1 Staff per 15 Children	30 Children	2 Staff

Child Care Centers are licensed and regulated by New York State. Staff must meet academic requirements. Children are grouped mostly by age and developmental needs. It is important to know that infants may never be placed in mixed age groups. Children 18 months old to three years of age may not participate in mixed age groups, except at limited periods of time at the beginning and end of the child care center's daily hours of operation.

