



# BECOMING A LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDER



**Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a licensed child care provider?**

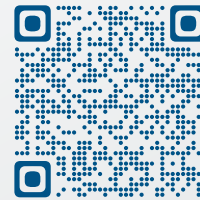
Check out the information below to identify your state's requirements and learn more about how to become a licensed and/or regulated childcare provider.



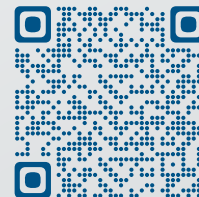
## COMMON REGULATIONS

While regulations vary by state, some of the topics you can find resources on through ChildCare Aware of America and ChildCare.gov are listed below:

- ✓ The differences between regulated care types (for example: licensed child care centers and registered family child care homes)
- ✓ The approving authorities in your area (including but not limited to your state Office of Child Care, your city fire department or other local agencies)
- ✓ Physical requirements for the facility, regulated areas of care, and how-to's for posting license and registration information
- ✓ Program requirements for indoor and outdoor activities that are appropriate to the children's ages, needs, and capabilities
- ✓ Codes, regulations, background investigations, and discipline procedures



Visit **ChildCare Aware of America**, scroll down to the map of the United States and select the appropriate state. Use the link under "Child Care Licensing" to learn more about the requirements in that state.



Visit **ChildCare.gov** and select the state in which you are seeking licensing requirements to provide care.

Select "Get Child Care Resources" and navigate to "Understanding and Finding Child Care Resources", and "Child Care Licensing" to learn about licensing and requirements.

*Please Note: State requirements for licensing and regulation may vary. Consult your local regulatory agency for specific guidelines in your area.*



For additional information, please visit [CBP Employee and Family Resources: Child Care](#).