

# Specialized Child Care Mildly Ill Facility Fact Sheet

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## Child Care Personnel Requirements

### Operator/Director Requirements

- ◆ Good moral character based upon a Level 2 screening standards, as provided in Chapter 435.04, F.S.
- ◆ Must be at least 21 years of age.
- ◆ Must complete the department's 40-clock-hour introductory child care training as evidenced by passage of a competency exam.
- ◆ Must complete 10-hour annual in-service training with at least 2 hours of training relating to sick children and the prevention of communicable disease.
- ◆ Must complete 0.5 continuing education unit or 5 clock hours of approved training in early literacy and language development birth to 5 years of age.
- ◆ Must complete specialized training in serving children with disabilities within 5 years of employment.
- ◆ Must have a director credential prior to issuance of license.
- ◆ Must have current certification in child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid prior to caring for the children.

### Employee Requirements

- ◆ Good moral character based upon a Level 2 screening standards, as provided in Chapter 435.04, F.S.
- ◆ Must be at least 18 years of age.
- ◆ Must complete the 40-clock-hour introductory child care training as evidenced by passage of a competency exam.
- ◆ Must complete 10-hour annual in-service training relating to the care of sick children and the prevention of communicable diseases.
- ◆ Must complete 0.5 continuing education unit of 5 clock hours of approved training in early literacy and language development birth to 5 years of age.
- ◆ Must have current certification in child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid prior to caring for the children.

## Definition of Mildly Ill Child Care Facility

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s. 65C-25.001(1), Florida Administrative Code

The care of children with short-term illness or symptoms of illness or disability, provided either as an exclusive service in a center specialized for this purpose, or as a component of other child care facility, for a period of less than 24 hours per day.

## Licensing Authority

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s. 402.308(1), Florida Statutes

Every child care facility in the state, unless statutorily exempt, shall have a license which shall be renewed annually.

## Staff to Child Ratio

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1:3 Infants  
1:4 One to four years of age  
1:6 Fours years of age and older

## Capacity Requirements

- ◆ Indoor Square Footage: 35 square feet per child
- ◆ Outdoor Play Space: Optional
  - Outdoor play space, if provided, must be separated from that space provided for well children and all equipment shall meet the safety requirements.
- ◆ Must have 1 toilet and 1 wash basin for every 10 children



## Additional Health & Safety Requirements

*Additional health and safety requirements for mildly ill child care facilities include, but are not limited to, the following:*

- ◆ Personnel
  - Supervision
  - Health Provider Consultant
  - Licensed Health Caregiver
- ◆ Staff Training & Credentials
- ◆ Health & Safety
- ◆ Physical Environment
- ◆ Sanitation and Safety
- ◆ Admissions and Record Keeping
- ◆ Food & Nutrition
- ◆ Dispensing of Medication
- ◆ Child Discipline
- ◆ Schedule of Activities



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*Note: Additional licensing and training standards are located in s. 402.305, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 65C-20, 65C-22 and 65C-25, Florida Administrative Code specific to the role(s) of child care personnel and the type of child care program.*