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**Establish Standards and Monitoring Processes to Ensure the Health and Safety of Child Care Settings**



Subsection	Topic	References, Resources, and Policy Guidance
5.1	Licensing Requirements	<p>National Database of Child Care Licensing <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/licensing">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/licensing</a></p> <p>Fundamentals of CCDF Administration: Resources - Standards and Licensing Requirements <a href="https://ccdf-fundamentals.icfcloud.com/resources-standards-and-licensing-requirements">https://ccdf-fundamentals.icfcloud.com/resources-standards-and-licensing-requirements</a></p> <p>Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Discretionary Funds Appropriated in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Public Law 116-136) Passed into Law on March 27, 2020 <a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/ccdf-acf-im-2020-01">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/ccdf-acf-im-2020-01</a></p>
5.2	Standards for Ratios, Group Size, and Qualifications	<p>Caring for Our Children Basics: Health and Safety Foundations for Early Care and Education <a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ecd/caring-for-our-children-basics">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ecd/caring-for-our-children-basics</a></p> <p>Fundamentals of CCDF Administration: Child-to-Provider Ratio Standard and Group Size <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/ccdf-fundamentals/child-provider-ratio-standard-and-group-size">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/ccdf-fundamentals/child-provider-ratio-standard-and-group-size</a></p>
5.3	Health and Safety Standards and Training for CCDF Providers	<p>Briefs about Health and Safety Topics (Updated July 2020) <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/briefs-about-health-and-safety-topics">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/briefs-about-health-and-safety-topics</a></p> <p>Fundamentals of CCDF Administration: Standards and Licensing Requirements <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/ccdf-fundamentals/standards-and-licensing-requirements">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/ccdf-fundamentals/standards-and-licensing-requirements</a></p> <p>Healthy States: Health and Safety Training Toolkit (Head Start) <a href="https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/healthy-states-health-safety-training-toolkit">https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/healthy-states-health-safety-training-toolkit</a></p>

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5.4	Monitoring and Enforcement Policies and Practices for CCDF Providers	<p>Fundamentals of CCDF Administration: Standards and Licensing Requirements  <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/ccdf-fundamentals/standards-and-licensing-requirements">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/ccdf-fundamentals/standards-and-licensing-requirements</a></p> <p>Licensing Caseloads: Finding the Right Ratio of Licensors to Providers  <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/licensing_caseloads.pdf">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/licensing_caseloads.pdf</a></p> <p>Monitoring Cost Estimation Calculator  <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/monitoring-cost-estimation-calculator">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/monitoring-cost-estimation-calculator</a></p> <p>Professional Development for Child Care Licensors  <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/professional-development-child-care-licensors">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/professional-development-child-care-licensors</a></p> <p>Key Competencies for Licensors of Child Care Programs  <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/key-competencies-licensors-child-care-programs">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/key-competencies-licensors-child-care-programs</a></p>
5.5	Comprehensive Background Checks	<p><i>Criminal Background Check Resources</i>  <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/topics/criminal-background-check-resources">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/topics/criminal-background-check-resources</a></p> <p>Fundamentals of CCDF Administration: <i>Criminal Background Checks</i>  <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/ccdf-fundamentals/criminal-background-checks">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/ccdf-fundamentals/criminal-background-checks</a></p> <p>Guidance on Alternative Approaches for Purposes of Conducting Background Checks of Child Care Staff and Monitoring and Inspection of Child Care Providers  <a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/ccdf-acf-pi-2019-05">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/ccdf-acf-pi-2019-05</a></p> <p>Guidance on Implementing the National Crime Information Center National Sex Offender Registry Background Check Requirement in the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act  <a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/ccdf-acf-pi-2017-03">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/ccdf-acf-pi-2017-03</a></p>

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5.6	Relative Providers	<p>Supporting License-Exempt Family Child Care: The purpose of this issue brief is to assist Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Administrators and their partners in their work to support license-exempt family child care (FCC) homes receiving CCDF funding  <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/supporting-license-exempt-family-child-care">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/supporting-license-exempt-family-child-care</a></p> <p>Monitoring License-Exempt CCDF Homes: This issue brief explores decision points in developing a monitoring system, including requirements; inspections; and processes for responding to violations, complaints, referrals, and appeals.  <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/monitoring-license-exempt-ccdf-homes">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/monitoring-license-exempt-ccdf-homes</a></p> <p>Monitoring and Supporting License-Exempt Care: Case Studies  <a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/license_exempt_monitoring_case_studies_0.pdf">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/license_exempt_monitoring_case_studies_0.pdf</a></p>