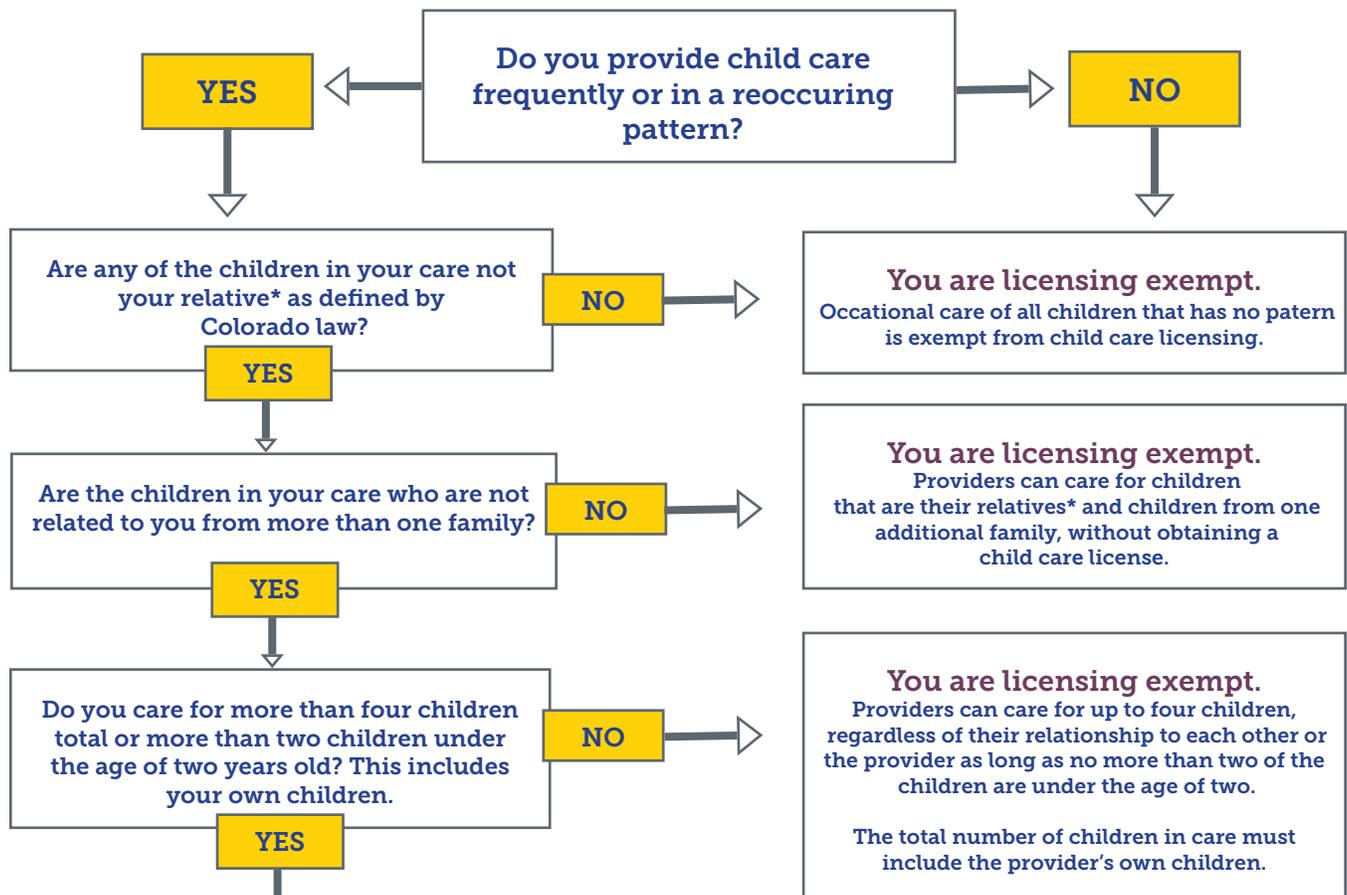




DO I NEED A CHILD CARE LICENSE?

Use this guide to determine if the child care you provide in your home requires a Colorado child care license.



*Colorado law defines "relative" as any of the following relationships by blood, marriage, or adoption: Parent, grandparent, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, brother, sister, stepparent, stepbrother, stepsister, stepson, stepdaughter, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, or cousin.

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) has received information that you may be providing child care that requires a license.

At this time, we are unable to confirm that illegal unlicensed child care is occurring. Providing any care other than one of the three exempt care options is considered unlicensed, illegal care.

You are legally required to have a child care license.
Find more information about how to apply for a child care license.



Providing child care that requires a license without a license may result in the following:

- Conviction of a petty offense and a fine of up to \$500, a sentence of up to ten days in jail, or both 26-6-112, Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.).
- A fine under the Colorado Consumer Protection Act of not more than \$20,000 for each transaction when you have failed to obtain any required governmental license. 6-1-105(1)(z), 6-1-112(1) (a), C.R.S.
- Civil fines of not more than \$250 for the first day, \$500 for the second day; and \$1000 a day for the third and subsequent days (up to a maximum of \$10,000). 26-6-114(1), C.R.S
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- The Department may seek a court injunction requiring you to cease unlicensed child care. 26-6-111, C.R.S.
- Violation of a court issued injunction may result in punishment for contempt of court. 26-6-111, C.R.S.



Interested in Becoming a Licensed Child Care Provider? We're Here to Help!

Visit our website at ColoradoOfficeofEarlyChildhood.com to learn more about the child care licensing process.

To contact a licensing representative at the Division of Early Care and Learning, who can answer any questions you have and guide you through the licensing process, please call our office at 303.866.5948 or toll free at 1.800.799.5876.

You can also email OEC_CDHS_Communications@state.co.us.



Contact Your Local Child Care Licensing Specialist:

