

Child Care

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Key Mandates:

To protect the health and safety of children while in care, through on-site inspections, technical assistance, and training opportunities.

General Information:

- Regulate **8,377** child care arrangements serving over **407,079** children in **60** of 67 Florida counties.
- Major child care licensing activities include **onsite inspections three times per year for facilities and 2 times per year for homes**. This does not include re-inspections or technical assistance visits.
- Major child care training activities include mandated training for all child care personnel, administration of competency testing, and issuance of credentials.

Program Data:

Type of Child Care Arrangement	Number of Providers
Child Care Facilities	4,029
Family Day Care Homes	1,944
Large Family Child Care Homes	253
Registered Homes	2,157
Total	8,377

Licensing Inspections	Fiscal Year 2005-06	FY through 12/31/06
Facility Inspections	20,292	9,609
Facility Complaints	1,851	963
Home Inspections	6,013	3,101
Home Complaints	143	87

Training Activity	Fiscal Year 2005-06	FY through 12/31/06
Mandated Training Classes Held	7,876	3,893
# of Students Served	144,321	56,022
Competency Exams Administered	108,284	55,047
Competency Exams Administered (Spanish)	23,568	11,096
Online Literacy Course Completions	34,605	13,080
Online Guidance & Discipline Course Completions	22,038	8,149
Online Computer 1	22,498	6,964
Online VPK Emergent Literacy	10,223 (since Nov. '05)	7,395
Online Early Childhood Computer Learning Centers	4,330 (since May '06)	7,205
Director Credentials Issued	2,202	1,330
Child Development Associate Equivalency (CDAE) Renewals Issued	1,394	1,146

Effective February 2006, Child Care has new performance measures that protect the health and safety of children with a one-to-one relation between each inspection and the appropriate timing of these inspections.

Performance Measure	Target	Statewide Performance
CD 100 - % of licensed child care <u>facilities</u> inspected in accordance with program standards	95%	99.2%
CD 104 - % of licensed child care <u>homes</u> inspected in accordance with program standards	90%	99.5%

Budget and Staffing:

- Annual budget of **\$15,556,061**. Most funds (\$9,974,813) come from the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), placed in the Federal Grants Trust Fund.
- \$3,889,910 from SSBG, \$1,437,642 in GR. Funding supports salaries and expenses for **109.5 staff** and quality child care initiatives.

The Child Care Program consists of 109.5 FTE positions statewide that support the program at both the district and central office level, which includes administrative support, counselors (inspectors), supervisors, specialists and management. These positions are supported with funding for 29 additional Other Personnel Services (OPS) staff.