



Program Related Updates

Date: September 14, 2023

Subject: License designation approving up to five children under age 2 ½

DFD is authorizing CCR&Rs to authorize agreements for children under 2 ½ who are enrolled at licensed child care centers with a license endorsement that allows a maximum of five children in that age range.

Licenses with this designation are regularly inspected by OOL staff.

The federal Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Reauthorization Act of 2014 establishes health and safety requirements that apply to all child care programs that accept child care subsidies. These health and safety requirements include staff fingerprinting, professional development training, and unannounced inspections.

Children under 2 ½ are a vulnerable group. Therefore, CCR&Rs are required to take the following steps prior to authorizing agreements for these children at licensed centers with this designation:

1. Confirm provider is not overenrolled
2. Ensure no more than five children under 2 ½ are enrolled
3. Review current inspection reports and make sure there are no pending violations, related to:
 - CARI/CHRI
 - Missing Trainings
 - Lack of Supervision
 - Staff/Ratio

CCR&Rs are not authorized to establish agreements for children under 2 ½, if there are any findings of the above.

Contact your DFD Child Care specialist if you have questions regarding this guidance.