The parent's role in quality child care is vital to its success. When looking for an appropriate provider that meets both your needs and the needs of your child, the following quality indicators should be considered:

**Quality Caregivers**
- Greets the children when they arrive.
- Communicates with parents.
- Are warm, understanding, encouraging and responsive to each child's individual needs.
- Uses a pleasant tone of voice and frequently holds, cuddles, and talks to the children.
- Are attentive to and interact with the children.

**Quality Environments**
- Are clean, safe and inviting.
- Provides an atmosphere that is bright and pleasant.
- Provides easy access to a variety of age-appropriate toys.
- Include social interchanges with all children.
- Provide a daily balance of play time, story time, activity time, and quiet time.
- Are appropriate for each age group.

**Resources**

All child care facilities **MUST** be licensed with the Kansas Department of Health & Environment. To verify if a day care provider is licensed **AND** to check their compliance history with the State regulation, visit this web site:

- [www.kdheks.gov/kidsnet](http://www.kdheks.gov/kidsnet)

Click on “Search for Child Care Facility Compliance Information”

To search for licensed child care providers in your area, contact these Resource & Referral Agencies:

**Day Care Connection**
- 913-529-1200
- [www.daycareconnection.org](http://www.daycareconnection.org)

**Family Conservancy**
- 913-342-1110
- [www.thefamilyconservancy.org](http://www.thefamilyconservancy.org)

**Child Care Aware of Kansas**
- Toll free 1-855-750-3343
- [www.ks.childcareaware.org](http://www.ks.childcareaware.org)

**Resources for parents:**

**Kansas Department for Children & Families (formerly SRS)**
- Toll free 1-888-369-4777
- [www.dcf.ks.gov](http://www.dcf.ks.gov)

**Safe Kids Kansas: Child Care Safety**
- 1-785-296-0351 or 1-785-296-1223
- [www.safekidskansas.org](http://www.safekidskansas.org)

Johnson County Department of Health & Environment-Child Care Licensing Division
11811 S. Sunset Drive, Suite 2700
Olathe, Kansas 66061
Phone: 913-477-8339
Web: [http://jcdhe.jocogov.org/health/childcare](http://jcdhe.jocogov.org/health/childcare)
Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions families make, but this decision is often difficult. Johnson County Department of Health & Environment Child Care Licensing Division is committed to helping parents find child care that meets their needs and aims to provide the best information available to assist parents in their search for quality child care.

This brochure can help you get started in your search for child care. It provides information on the types of in-home day care settings and guidelines to use when making visits to potential child care providers.

There are 2 types of family day care home arrangements that are licensed by the State of Kansas. They are as follows:

1. LICENSED DAY CARE HOME

   A child care facility in which care is provided for a maximum of twelve (12) children under 16 years of age and includes children under eleven (11) years of age related to the provider. The total number of children in care at any one time is based on the ages of the children in care.

   The licensee must be 18 years of age, have an understanding of children, complete certified first aid and CPR as well as child care related training.

   A KBI criminal history and child abuse and neglect background check is processed on all persons living, working or volunteering in the licensed day care home.

   The group day care home is inspected to check compliance with regulations to protect the health, safety and well-being of the children in care at least once every 12 months. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment contracts with local county health departments or private contractors to conduct on-site inspections.

   The licensed group day care home must be approved for fire safety.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

The secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment may levy a fine, suspend, deny or revoke a license for violation of any regulation of the child care licensing statutes.

Information about licensing procedures and copies of regulation may be obtained from the Johnson County Department of Health & Environment Child Care Licensing Division.

To report a complaint or concern about a child care facility, please call the Johnson County Department of Health & Environment Child Care Licensing Division at (913) 477-8339 or (913) 477-8382.

2. GROUP DAY CARE HOME

   A child care facility in which care is provided for a maximum of twelve (12) children under 16 years of age and includes children under eleven (11) years of age related to the provider. The total number of children in care at any one time is based on the ages of the children in care.

   The licensee must be 18 years of age, have an understanding of children, complete certified first aid and CPR as well as child care related training.

   A KBI criminal history and child abuse and neglect background check is processed on all persons living, working or volunteering in the group day care home.

   The group day care home is inspected to check compliance with regulations to protect the health, safety and well-being of the children in care at least once every 12 months. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment contracts with local county health departments or private contractors to conduct on-site inspections.

   The licensed group day care home must be approved for fire safety.

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