

Step Three: Ask

	Program One	Program Two	Program Three
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you have a copy of your written policies I may look at?	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> What type of discipline and rules do you have?	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Are parents welcomed to visit any time?	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Are there any other adults present during child care hours?	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> How often do children have outdoor play, and are there field trips?	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Do the children watch TV? If so, how much and what programs?	_____	_____	_____

Step Four: Count

Count the number of children in the group. Then count the number of adults caring for them. Make sure they meet the minimum requirements in Alaska.



Age	Approved or <i>not</i> Licensed	Licensed Family Home	Licensed Group Home	Licensed Center *
Infants & Toddlers (under 30 months)	Up to 2	Up to 3, one of which must be walking	Up to 5	1 adult per 5 infants 1 adult per 6 toddlers 1 adult per 10 preschoolers
TOTAL Children	Up to 5 total, including own children	Up to 8 total, including own children	Up to 12 children per two adults	1 adult for 14 Kindergartners 1 adult per 18 school age children

* In licensed centers, use the lower age range in mixed age groups.

Number of children/adults:

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_____	_____	_____

Step Five: Decide

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<input type="checkbox"/> May I have two parental references (preferable parents who are actively using the child care)? *	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Which child care will best meet the needs of my child and family?	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Where will my child be happy and secure?	_____	_____	_____

*You may also want to visit the Child Care Licensing office at 150 3rd St., Suite 107 in Juneau. The Department of Health and Social Services is responsible for licensing and monitoring child care centers and homes. They can tell you if complaints have been filed and how they were resolved. Please call for an appointment at 465-4756. For Approved providers, contact Catholic Community Services at 463-6184.