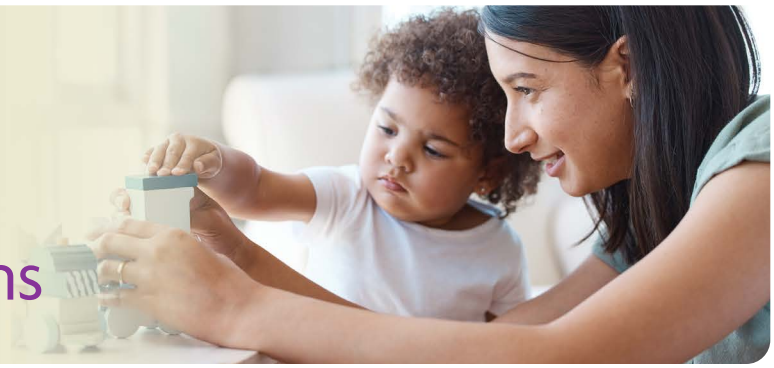
Capacity Charts for Family Home Early Learning Programs



For Family Home providers, the following table is a guide to help you meet the required staff and licensee minimum experience requirements, capacities, staff-to-child ratios, and group sizes.

Per WAC 110-300-0355 (**https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=110-300-0355**)

Staff and Licensee Minimum Experience Requirements	Age Group	Maximum Capacity	Staff-to-Child Ratio	Limitations
Licensee working alone (less than 1 year of experience)	Birth to 13 years	6	1 staff for every 6 children	Three children under 2 years; one of those children must be walking independently
Licensee working alone (at least 1 year of experience)	2 years to 13 years	8	1 staff for every 8 children	Four children under 3 years; no children under 2 years in care
Licensee and another staff member (2 staff total; licensee has at least 1 year of experience)	Birth to 13 years	9	2 staff for every 9 children	Four children under 2 years
Licensee working alone (at least 2 years of experience)	3 years to 13 years	10	1 staff for every 10 children	No limitations
Licensee and another staff member (2 staff total; licensee has 2 or more years of experience)	Birth to 13 years	12	2 staff for every 12 children	Six children under 2 years; two of those children must be walking independently
Licensee and another staff member (2 staff total; licensee has 2 or more years of experience)	Birth through 24 months	8	2 staff for every 8 children	Additional 15 square feet per child under age 2 years; two of those children must be walking independently
Licensee working alone (2 or more years of experience)	Birth through 24 months	4	1 staff for every 4 children	Additional 15 square feet per child under 2 years; two of those children must be walking independently
Licensee working alone (2 or more years of experience)	5 years to 13 years	12	1 staff for every 12 children	All children enrolled must be enrolled in school

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Capacity Waiver

For Family Home providers operating under a Capacity Waiver, the following table is a guide to help you meet the required capacities, staff-to-child ratios, group sizes, and group dynamic.

Per WAC 110-300-0358 (**https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=110-300-0358**)

Age Group	Staff-to-Child Ratio	Group Dynamic	Limitations: Children Under 2 Years
2 to 13 years	1 staff for every 8 children When there are 13 or more children in care, there must be at least two staff (including licensee)	Mixed ages, 2 to 13 years	No children under 2 years
Birth to 13 years	1 staff for every 6 children When there are 13 or more children in care, there must be at least three staff (including licensee)	At least two children under 2 years can walk independently	Maximum 6 children under 2 years
		At least one child under 2 years can walk independently	Maximum 5 children under 2 years
		When no children under 2 years can walk independently	Maximum 4 children under 2 years

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