

Comparison of Certification/Licensing/Madison Accreditation

Family Child Care Regulation Comparison	Dane County Certification Voluntary Regulation, 1-3 children	State Licensing Mandatory Regulation, 4-8 children	City Accreditation Voluntary Regulation, 1-8 children
Eligibility/Screening	Initial home visit	WCCIP visits. Licensor visits for initial verification.	Consultant completes 2-3 home visits for initial assessment. Requires County Certification or State License.
Training	Initial 20 hours. Annual 5 hours. None- Provisional Certification.	Initial 40 hours + 10 Infant/Toddler Annual-15 hours	Initial 20-40 hours + 10 hours Infant/Toddler Annual 20 hours
Monitoring	Annual visit and with complaint.	Annual visit, record check.	Minimum quarterly visits, 4-8 annually, phone consultants; annual-accreditation (Observation/feedback, self-evaluation).
Public Funding	Eligible to receive minimum level of WI Child Care Subsidy.	Eligible to receive basic level of WI Child Care Subsidy.	Eligible to receive maximum level of WI Child Care Subsidy.
Benefits	Eligible for participation in the USDA Child & Adult Care Food Program. Resource staff available for consultation & technical assistance. Complaint procedure .	Eligible for participation in the USDA Child & Adult Care Food Program. Complaint Procedure.	Eligible for participation in the USDA Child & Adult Care Food Program. Complaint Procedure. Toy/equipment loan, respite care, support groups, annual child care conference, parent mediation, individualized consultation & technical assistance.
Child Care Standards	Certification rules: (minimum standards) cover: Provider (qualifications, health), Home (safety, sanitation), Child (records, discipline, activities, equipment, nutrition, transportation,rest), Parent/Provider communication.	State Licensing Rules (basic standards) cover: Administration (records- parents/children), Child Care Provider (qualifications/health), Home (space, safety, sanitation), Child (program, discipline, activities, nutrition, transportation, rest), Parent/Provider communication, Infant/Toddler care.	State Licensing rules/Certification rules plus City Accreditation Standards cover: Business management (parent involvement, legal requirements, training, provider's family), Program (goals, daily schedule, curriculum, materials/equipment, learning experiences), Interactional Setting (relationships between children, parent and provider), Physical environment (cleanliness, comfort, attractiveness, activity areas, organization, storage). Recognized by State as higher level standards comparable to national standards (NAEYC).