

## SUMMARY OF CHILD CARE IN VIRGINIA

| Types of Care                                 | Licensed or Regulated?        | Max. Capacity                     | Monitoring   | Agency Handling Complaint Investigations                     |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Licensed Child Day Center</b>              | Licensed                      | N/A                               | Twice yearly inspections available to view online  | VDSS   |
| <b>Religious Exempt Child Day Center</b>      | Regulated                     | N/A                               | Only given inspection if a complaint is filed against them   | VDSS   |
| <b>Certified Preschool</b>                    | Regulated                     | N/A                               | Only given inspection if a complaint is filed against them   | VDSS   |
| <b>Licensed Family Day Home</b>               | Licensed                      | Maximum of 12 unrelated children  | Twice yearly inspections available to view online  | VDSS   |
| <b>Voluntarily Registered Family Day Home</b> | Regulated                     | Maximum of 4** unrelated children | VDSS Approved Contract Agency checks on 10% of homes not on USDA Food Program. VDSS randomly checks on 20% of all homes. | VDSS and contract agency                                     |
| <b>Family Day Home System</b>                 | Licensed*                     | Maximum of 12 unrelated children  | VDSS monitors the System twice a year which monitors the Home quarterly  | VDSS oversees the System with the System overseeing the Home |
| <b>Unlicensed DSS Family Day Home</b>         | NOT licensed<br>Regulated     | Maximum of 4** unrelated children | Once yearly inspections  | VDSS   |
| <b>Unregulated Family Day Home</b>            | NOT licensed<br>NOT regulated | Maximum of 4** unrelated children | NOT monitored  | NO agency handles complaint investigations                   |

\*The System is licensed; the actual Family Day Home is regulated.

VDSS: VA Dept. of Social Services

\*\*As of July 1st, 2016 Family Day Home providers are now required to obtain a state-issued license from the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) when caring for more than 4 children (this does not include the provider's biological children or other children who legally reside in the home). If the family day home provider cares for more than 4 children under the age of 2, including the provider's biological children and children who legally reside in the home, the family day home provider must possess a state-issued licensed or a voluntarily registered certificate from VDSS.

NOTE: Every child in Virginia is protected by law against child abuse and neglect. Allegations of abuse and neglect are investigated by local departments of social services. The Child Protective Services Hotline number is 1-800-552-7096.

For additional questions on Virginia Licensing, please contact 1-800-543-7545. To search for a child care facility inspection record visit <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/facility/search/cc.cgi>.