Early Childhood Environmental Education
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# Licensed child care centers

A child care center, generally, is characterized by:

- A location other than the provider's or caregiver's home
- Larger numbers of children being cared for
- Staff qualifications and training requirements

Licensing child care helps protect the health and safety of children by requiring that providers meet minimum standards for care and physical environment. The Department of Human Services is responsible for licensing and monitoring child care centers for compliance with licensing requirements.

**Families:**

**Frequently asked questions for families**

Learn more about outdoor play time, licensing requirements, and what to do if you have concerns.

**Your Child's Safety in Licensed Child Care: Child Care Centers**
Q: Are child care programs required to take children outside every day?

A: Child care centers are required to provide daily indoor and outdoor activities for children in care. Extreme Minnesota weather conditions can present challenges for child care providers as they plan for outdoor play time. Centers are encouraged to educate staff on the dangers of exposing children to extreme temperatures and plan accordingly. One useful resource is the Child Care Weather Watch, a guide based on wind-chill and heat index information from the National Weather Services to assist child care providers in understanding weather conditions when planning outdoor activities for children.

Child Care Program Plan Requirements in Rule 3 (9503.0045, subpart 1, item l)
Getting Started

**Interested in Accreditation?**
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