

Minimum Standards for Child Care: An Introduction Listening Sheet

Minimum standards guide licensed child care centers and family day homes in the care and safety of young children. Any person who works with children in a licensed facility should be familiar with the standards and following them at all times.

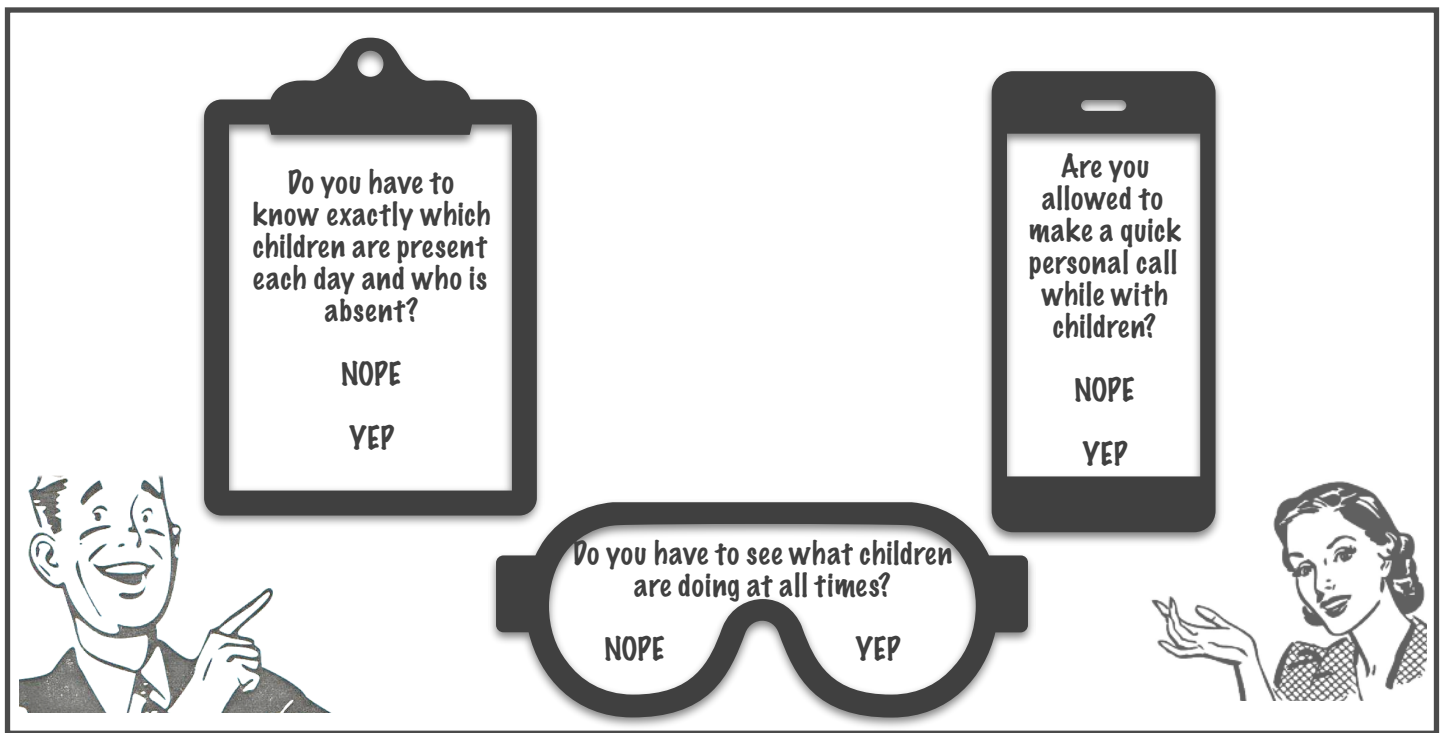
In Minimum Standards, the term _____ refers to anyone who's duties include the **supervision, guidance and protection of a child**. Even though your *actual* job title might be teacher, co-teacher, teacher's aide, floater, provider or substitute teacher!

Caregivers: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Are counted in child/staff ratios
- ☐ Must be 18 years of age
- ☐ Must have a high school diploma or equivalent
- ☐ Must have at least 6 college credits in child development
- ☐ Must clear a background check
- ☐ Can lose their job if they get 3 traffic violations in a year
- ☐ Can't have active tuberculosis
- ☐ Must have some training before going in with children
- ☐ Must be acquainted with center policies through orientation
- ☐ Are required to have 24 clock hours of training every year

You can download the Texas Minimum Standards for Child Care at
https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Care/documents/Standards_and_Regulations/746_Centers.pdf





Things to remember about lesson plans

1. The plan must include an outline of **daily** _____ and specific activities for each age group, along with the _____ responsible for that group.
2. There should be a balance of _____ and quiet play, _____ and whole group activities and be sure to plan activities for the playground!
3. Lesson plans must include how ALL children will be included, regardless of _____ or _____

Licensing says a lot about discipline. Write some of the main points to remember here.



If the specified age of the children in the group is...	Then the maximum number of children one caregiver may supervise is...
0 - 11 months	4
12 - 17 months	5
18 - 23 months	9
2 years	11
3 years	15
4 years	18
5 years	22
6-13 years	26

The maximum number of children two or more caregivers may supervise is limited by the maximum _____ size.

The ratios vary between age groups based on the amount of supervision is needed for specific ages and _____. _____ require the most caregivers because they need the most attention to keep them safe.

If you step outside the room for any reason, you have left the other teacher _____ of ratio requirements. Always have someone come in to cover if you need to leave for a moment.

List 5 things to remember when caring for infants and toddlers...



- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Of all the forms that we keep on hand for children, the medical and release forms are the most important.

Where are medical release forms kept at your center? Who is in charge of dispensing medication?

What is your centers' policy about releasing children to people other than their parents?



And just one last thing... can you use food as a reward or punishment in child care? Yes or No