



Family Day Care Homes

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Milwaukee's zoning ordinance classifies day care facilities as "family day care homes" and "day care centers." To be a permitted use as a **family day care home you must meet the following conditions:**

- 1) The family day care home must operate within a dwelling unit. The dwelling unit must be the primary residence of the day care license holder or a hands-on provider employed by the license holder.
- 2) At any given time, the family day care home is limited to:
 - Eight (8) children if located in a single-family home
 - Eight (8) children if located in a flat in a duplex
 - Five (5) children if located in an apartment (multi-family dwelling unit)
- 3) The family day care home may operate between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight. It cannot operate between midnight and 6:00 a.m. without first obtaining special use approval and a corresponding occupancy permit.
- 4) Only one family day care home may operate in a building.
- 5) No signs are permitted for family day care homes located in residential zoning districts. If located in a commercial district, signs are allowed with permits only.

If a proposed family day care home does not meet these requirements, or if an existing licensed family day care does not meet these requirements, it must alter its operations to comply.