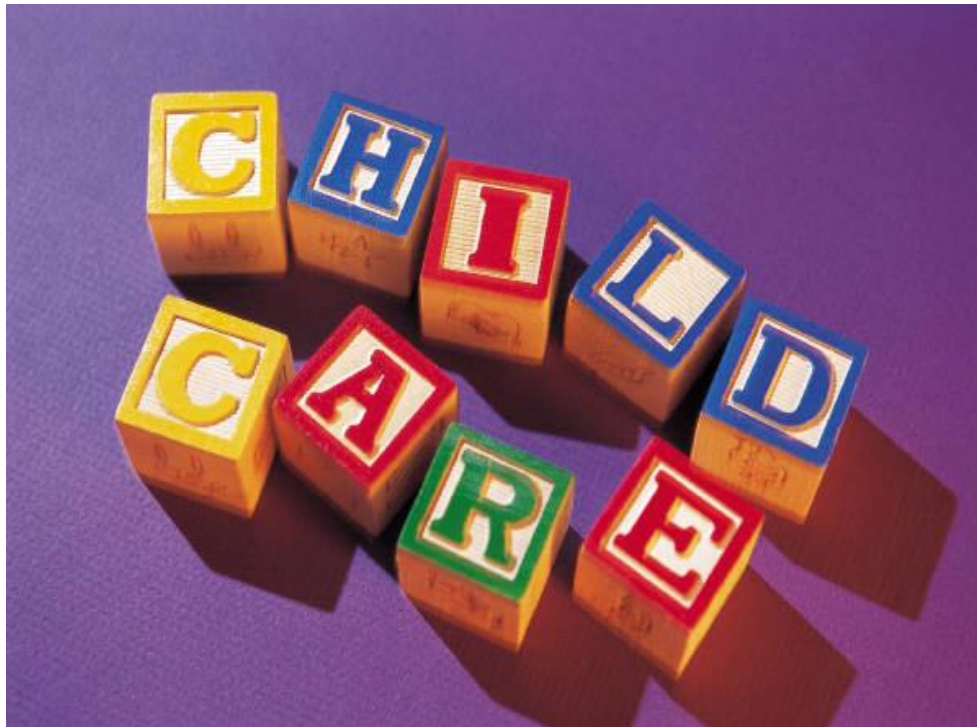


Home Instruction

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BACKGROUND

Home instruction may be provided by the following methods:

- Directly by parents/guardians;
- Through correspondence courses under the supervision of a non-public school, i.e., the Calvert School, Home Study Institute; and
- By a bona fide church organization.

REQUIREMENTS

Prospective family child care providers who home instruct their children are required to provide the following information at the time of application for registration:

- Type of instruction provided, i.e. direct or under the supervision of a bona fide church or nonpublic school;
- Numbers and ages of children being instructed at home;
- Instruction schedule; and
- Area of home used for instruction.

Registered providers who begin home instruction for their children following registration must submit a change of operation form including the above information.

PROCEDURES

1. At the time of inspection, the licensing specialist will determine, through discussion and observation, the level of provider involvement in home instruction and the impact, or potential impact, on the care of children. The capacity of a home will be determined through this assessment.

2. The registered capacity of a home where any child is receiving direct instruction from the provider during the hours approved for child care will be less than the maximum of eight if the licensing specialist determines that the maximum is unsuitable for the home. If home instruction does not take place during approved child care hours, then the home may be approved for the maximum registered capacity of eight children.

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