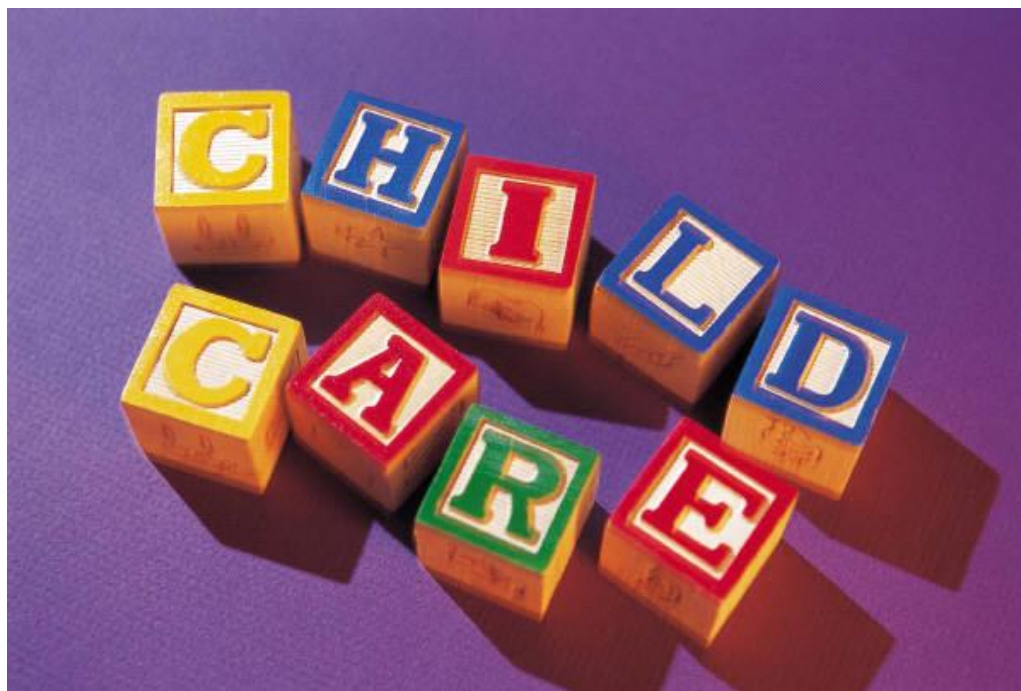


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Guidance
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Nonpublic Nursery School Programs

CO-OPERATIVE CHILD CARE AND NURSERY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- A. A co-op child care center or nursery school is an entity governed and operated by an organized group of parents of students currently enrolled in the program.

- B. Most co-op programs usually operate on a part-day basis (morning or afternoon sessions). Many operate on a part-week schedule for different age groups (i.e. T/Th for 2-year-olds; M/W/F for 3-year-olds; 5 days/week for 4-year-olds). Co-op programs usually do not offer before and/or after school child care services.

- C. For these reasons :
 - 1. Parent Volunteers in co-operative programs may be utilized to meet staff/child ratios.

 - 2. Parent Volunteers in co-operative programs are not required to get criminal background checks or child abuse and neglect clearances.

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