## Find Your Child Care Fit

Whether you are a parent or child care provider, this chart shows you the basics about child care options in Oregon so you know what questions to ask and can find where you fit best.

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<th>Child Care Type</th>
<th>Informal Child Care</th>
<th>License Exempt Recorded Child Care</th>
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<td><strong>What does care look like?</strong></td>
<td>Child care by family, friends and neighbors.</td>
<td>Preschool programs that operate four hours or less per day. School-age programs that aren’t required to be licensed.</td>
<td>Providers eligible for state subsidy reimbursement, but are not required to be licensed. Includes family, friends and some programs with limited hours.</td>
<td>Home-based child care program with up to 10 children.</td>
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| **Are they regulated?** | No. | Yes. This means they:  
• comply with background checks | Yes. This means they:  
• meet health and safety standards  
• comply with background checks  
• are regularly monitored starting in November 2016  
• participate in ongoing training | Yes. This means they:  
• meet higher health, safety and program standards (on-site inspection)  
• comply with background checks  
• are regularly monitored  
• participate in ongoing training | | |
| **Are they eligible to accept subsidy dollars?** | No. | No. Unless they meet requirements for regulated subdisy. | Yes. These types of care can accept subsidy payments as long as they are listed with Dept. of Human Services. | | | |
| **Are they licensed?** | No. | No. These programs are recorded with the State. | No. | No. | | |
| **Are they eligible to apply for quality ratings?** | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | Eligible to apply for a quality rating (3, 4, or 5 stars). This means they:  
• employ staff who meet training and education qualifications  
• use materials, curricula, and activities that help children learn and grow  
• make it their policy to follow best practices in adult-child interaction | | | |


Learn about licensing, quality ratings and subsidies by contacting your local Child Care Resource and Referral agency: [triwou.org/projects/fcco/sdmap](http://triwou.org/projects/fcco/sdmap).

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