



# FL Child-to-Adult Ratios for Child Care

## Registered and Licensed FCC Homes\* – Effective 1/1/97

Ratio clarification chart is on left. The Florida law (Chapter 402) in boxes on right for **both** registered and licensed FCC homes. Provider's own children are included in the count (0-12yrs) \*15 counties require a license: Brevard, Broward, Clay, Duval, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Nassau, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, and St. John's. *Palm Beach and Pinellas counties each have their own separate ratio rules.*

| <b>Infant</b><br><b>(0-11 mos.)</b> | <b>Preschool</b><br><b>(12mos-5yr+)</b> | <b>School Age</b><br><b>(in K &amp; older)</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|--------------|
| 4                                   | 0                                       | 0  | 4            |
| 3                                   | 3                                       | 0  | 6            |
| 3                                   | 2                                       | 1  | 6            |
| 3                                   | 1                                       | 2  | 6            |
| 3                                   | 0                                       | 3  | 6            |
| 2                                   | 4                                       | 0  | 6            |
| 1                                   | 5                                       | 0  | 6            |
| 0                                   | 6                                       | 0  | 6            |
| 2                                   | 3                                       | 5  | 10           |
| 2                                   | 2                                       | 6  | 10           |
| 2                                   | 1                                       | 7  | 10           |
| 2                                   | 0                                       | 8  | 10           |
| 1                                   | 4                                       | 5  | 10           |
| 1                                   | 3                                       | 6  | 10           |
| 1                                   | 2                                       | 7  | 10           |
| 1                                   | 1                                       | 8  | 10           |
| 1                                   | 0                                       | 9  | 10           |
| 0                                   | 5                                       | 5  | 10           |
| 0                                   | 4                                       | 6  | 10           |
| 0                                   | 3                                       | 7  | 10           |
| 0                                   | 1                                       | 9  | 10           |
| 0                                   | 2                                       | 8  | 10           |
| 0                                   | 1                                       | 9  | 10           |
| 0                                   | 0                                       | 10   | 10           |

a) A maximum of four children from birth to 12 months of age

b) A maximum of three children from birth to 12 months of age, and other children, for a maximum total of six children

c) A maximum of six preschool children if all are older than 12 months of age

d) A maximum of 10 children if no more than five are preschool age and, of those five, no more than two are under 12 months

### VPK in FCC Homes – Effective Fall 2005

VPK 1:6 (minimum of 4 children 4yrs old by Sept.1)

VPK homes must be licensed and providers must have their CDA and Director credentials and be approved by their local Early Learning Coalition to offer the VPK program.

**A provider can meet only one category (a, b, c, or d) at a time.** However, he/she is not limited to one category on the registration or license and may change to a different category at various times throughout the day or week.

## LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES - Effective 1/1/00

Ratios are for licensed large FCC homes with **2 providers present** (one must have a staff credential - CDA or FCCPC) caring for the children. The providers own children are included in the count (0-12 yrs).

| <b>Infants &amp; Toddlers</b><br><b>(0 - 23 months)</b> | <b>Preschool &amp; School-Age</b><br><b>(24 months and older)</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|---|--------------|
| 8   | 0   | 8            |
| 7   | 1   | 8            |
| 6   | 2   | 8            |
| 5   | 3   | 8            |
| 4   | 8   | 12           |
| 3   | 9   | 12           |
| 2   | 10  | 12           |
| 1   | 11  | 12           |
| 0   | 12  | 12           |

VPK 2:12

a) A maximum of 8 children from birth to 24 months of age

b) A maximum of 12 children, with no more than 4 children under 24 months of age

## Child Care Centers - Staff to Child Ratio

0-11 mos. 1:4    1 year 1:6    2 years 1:11    3 years 1:15    4 years 1:20    5 yrs & older 1:25  
VPK 1:11 or 2:20 (effective fall 2011)

402.305 (4)(a)(7) When children 2 years of age and older are in care, the staff-to-child ratio shall be based on the age group with the largest number of children within the group.