

A young girl with a ponytail is clapping her hands in a classroom setting. She is wearing a pink shirt and looking towards the left. In the background, other children and an adult are visible, though they are out of focus. The overall scene is bright and cheerful.

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# Child Care Licensing Program

## Child Care Program Mission Statement

The core mission of the Child Care Licensing Program is to ensure the health and safety of children in care. The Child Care Licensing Program strives to provide preventive, protective, and quality services to children in care by ensuring that licensed facilities meet established health and safety standards through monitoring facilities, providing technical assistance, and establishing partnerships with providers, parents, and the childcare community.

# MyChildCarePlan.org

California's child care consumer education website

Mychildcareplan.org connects families with childcare services that meets their unique needs.



## Child Care Data

This past year there has been an increase in licensed centers and homes serving infants and toddlers.

Facility Type	Licensed Facilities	Facilities % Change since 2022	Licensed Capacity	Capacity % Change since 2022
Family Child Care Home	26,085	+0.9%	283,140	+1.3%
Infant Centers	2,354	+3.9%	56,576	+3.9%



## **Safe Sleep for Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes**

- All cribs or play yards must be approved by the Consumer Protection Safety Commission.
- Infants up to 12- months of age must have an Individual Infant Sleeping Plan.
- Child Care providers must conduct 15-minute checks on sleeping infants.
- Safe Sleep Environment



# Safe Sleep

- Child Care Licensing web page has Safe Sleep information on guidance, resources where you can view the adopted regulations, and FAQs.