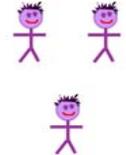
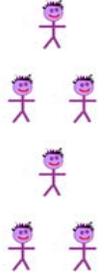
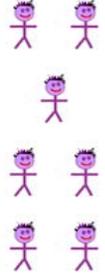




Threshold of Licensed Family Child Care (August 2004)

When do States begin licensing family child care?

Forty-one States allow some number of children to be in family child care that is not covered by licensing.

1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	4 Children	5 Children	6 Children	7 Children	13 Children	Not Licensed
								
AL CT DE DC KS MD MA MI OK WA	CA* CO* FL* MN* SC*	GA HI ME MT NY NC VT* WY*	IL* KY NE NH ND OR* PA RI TX WV WI	AK AZ MO NV NM TN UT	AR IA IN MS VA	OH ID	SD	LA NJ
TOTAL NUMBER								
10	5	8	11	7	5	2	1	2

*These States exclude child care that is provided for the children of only one family. Vermont excludes child care that is provided for the children of one or two families.

For the purposes of this document, a **licensed** program is required to have permission from the State to operate and must meet specified family child care standards. Several States have county or city licensing regulations which may supercede State requirements; this table does not include such regulations.

Texas: Family child care homes that care for one to three children must be listed with the State.

North Dakota: Homes must be licensed if they care for four or more children ages 24 months and under or six or more children at one time.

Louisiana: Any place or facility that cares for seven or more children is considered a *center* and is required to follow the State's child care center licensing regulations.

New Jersey: Programs serving six or more children under the age of 13 are licensed as centers.