

Family Day Care Homes

Use Standards

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CCI Action Plan

Availability Action Step 2. Determine if there is a need to update Arlington County's General Land Use Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and/or Residential/Commercial Permit Review process.

- Review the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance and/or the Residential/Commercial Permit Review Process and identify possible changes to streamline the process of opening and/or expanding a child care business.

What are Use Standards?

A zoning ordinance includes use standards to provide specific direction for the design and operation of a use in addition to the lot size, setback, density, and height requirements set by a zoning district.

Use Standards	Permit Conditions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enforced by the Zoning Administrator• Applies to by-right and special exception projects• Administered by the Zoning Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established by the County Board• Applies to special exception projects• Administered by use permit or site plan• Serves to mitigate land use impacts

Examples of Child Care Use Standards

Local municipalities typically include use standards for child care uses in their zoning ordinance. Use standards for child care uses typically focus on:

- Hours of operation
- Outdoor play space
 - Hours of operation, proximity to adjacent residential lots, buffering/landscaping/fencing
- Parking/pick-up and drop-off
- Proximity to other child care programs
- Provision of a neighborhood liaison
- Escorting children to residence

Existing Family Day Care Home Use Standards (Zoning Ordinance §12.4.9)

- Every Family Day Care Home shall have a certificate of occupancy for both the residential dwelling and for the Family Day Care Home use as required in §15.3.
- Every Family Day Care Home shall be licensed pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Arlington County Code.

Existing Family Day Care Home Use Permit Conditions

- The applicant agrees to comply with the Virginia Building Code, Virginia Fire Prevention Code, the Zoning Ordinance, Arlington County Health Regulations, and the Arlington County Child Care Regulations.
- The applicant agrees that the hours of operation will be limited to XX a.m. and XX p.m., Monday through Friday.
- The applicant agrees that parents and/or another authorized caregiver of children receiving care shall escort their children both to and from the home at all times.
- The applicant agrees to make at least one (1) parking space available to parents for pick-up and drop-off.

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Use Standards (cont.)

Alternative Regulations

Below are two tables showing potential options for use standards for Family Day Care Homes. The first table shows options for potential hours of operations, and the second table shows use standard examples. *Use the tables below to think about which option you will choose to place your dot at the end of the evening.*

Family Day Care Home Hours of Operation

Hours (a.m.)	Choice (choose one)	Hours (p.m.)	Choice (choose one)
5 a.m.		5 p.m.	
6 a.m.		6 p.m.	
7 a.m.		7 p.m.	
8 a.m.		8 p.m.	
9 a.m.		9 p.m.	

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Use Standards		Choice (choose up to 3)
Home Hours of Operation		
Outdoor Play Space	Hours of Operation	
	Playground Equipment Location	
	Buffering, Landscaping, Fencing	
Proximity to Other Child Care Programs		
Neighborhood Liaison		
Escorting Children		
None		
Other		