

Below are brief descriptions of the different types of child care. All are required to be registered/licensed with Montana unless otherwise specified.

- **Family Child Care Homes** offer a home-like atmosphere with a ratio of one caregiver to a maximum of six children including the provider's own under the age of six.
- **Group Child Care Homes** are settings where two adults provide care for a maximum of 12 children including the provider's own under the age of six. Care is often provided in a private home.
- **Child Care Centers** care for 13 or more children with hours that normally coincide with regular working hours.
- **Preschools** are part-day programs and are not regulated in Montana.
- **Drop-in Child Care**s are not regulated by Montana because the care provided is usually irregular and for shorter periods of time.