

Child Day Care Services

Quality Child Care provides a safe and healthy environment for children to play, learn and socialize. The City of Yuma recognizes the needs of parents to have access to quality child care and the desire of providers, whether in a home setting or in a larger facility, to provide that quality care. The City of Yuma Zoning Code identifies two types of child care services: Large and Small.

Large Child Day Care Services, 6 or more children, are allowed as Primary or Conditional Uses in specific zoning districts.

Small Child Day Care Services, 5 or fewer children, are allowed as a Primary use in various zoning districts including within single-family homes.

Different rules apply to both types of facilities but both require the issuance of a business license. The following page identifies those zoning districts where facilities are allowed as a Primary or Conditional Use. Small Child Day Care Services in single-family homes are not required to provide additional parking spaces but each home must have two paved parking spaces located outside of the front yard setback.

The City of Yuma Building Code addresses construction requirements. Building Permits and Fire Sprinklers/Alarms may be required depending on the type of facility and the number of children.

Please contact the City of Yuma Fire Department for information about Fire Sprinklers/Alarms at (928) 373-4850. Please contact the City of Yuma Building Safety Department for information about Building Permits at (928) 373-5163.

State Licensing

The Department of Health Services (DHS) provides the application, forms, and other resources for Child Care Providers to be licensed or certified by DHS. All Child Care Group Homes and Child Care Centers must first be DHS licensed in order to be eligible to contract with the Department of Economic Security (DES) to serve children and receive financial reimbursement.

The Bureau of Child Care Licensing (BCCL) is a part of the Arizona Department of Health Services. BCCL certifies child care group homes and licensed child care facilities.

The BCCL requires compliance with local zoning requirements. It is the responsibility of the child care provider to:

- Contact the City of Yuma to obtain the proper permit, if applicable; certificates from BCCL are attached to a specific address.

Agency Contacts

City of Yuma

Planning & Neighborhood Services
Planning@YumaAZ.gov
(928) 373-5175

Business License
BusinessLicenses@YumaAZ.gov
(928) 373-5074

State of Arizona

Bureau of Child Care Licensing
<https://des.az.gov/services/child-and-family/child-care>
(602) 364-2539

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Child Day Care Services: Large and Small



City of Yuma - Planning and Neighborhood Services
1 City Plaza, Yuma, AZ 85364
Phone: 928-373-5175 E-mail: Planning@YumaAZ.gov

Applying for a Child Day Care Services Business License

Step One: Pre-Development Meeting

- ◆ Schedule a pre-development meeting at (928) 373-5175

There is no fee to have a Pre-Development meeting. It is required in order to discuss any development issues with the request.

Step Two: Business License Application Checklist

- Completed application

Submit the Business License Application to the Business License desk at the City of Yuma City Hall, 1 City Plaza, Yuma, Arizona. Please call the Business License Office with questions at (928) 373-5074.



CHILD DAY CARE SERVICES - LARGE

Establishments primarily engaged in the care of six or more infants or children under 18 years of age, or in providing prekindergarten education, where medical care or delinquency correction is not a major element.

This type of child care facility is typically a Primary Use in a building and identified by the DES as a Child Care Center.

Establishments of this type located within any residential districts shall not be located within 1,320 feet of another child day care services (large), Residential Care Home or Nursing and Personal Care Facility that are also located within any residential district.

Off-Street Parking requirement: One space per 300 square feet of gross floor area.

CHILD DAY CARE SERVICES - SMALL

Establishments primarily engaged in the care of five or fewer infants or children under 18 years of age, or in providing prekindergarten education, where medical care or delinquency correction is not a major element.

This type of child care facility is typically in a single family home and identified by the DES as Family Child Care.

For all Child Care Services: These facilities shall not include any persons whose occupancy would constitute a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals or would result in substantial physical damage to the property of others.

CHILD DAY CARE SERVICES — ALLOWABLE ZONING DISTRICTS							
Zoning District	AG	SR/RE	R-1-all	R-1-5	R-MH	MHS	MHP
<i>Child Day Care Services—Small</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zoning District	R-2-all	R-3	TR	B-1	B-2	BP	OT
<i>Child Day Care Services—Small</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zoning District	AG	SR/RE	R-1-all	R-1-5	R-MH	MHS	MHP
<i>Child Day Care Services—Large</i>	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP
Zoning District	R-2-all	R-3	TR	B-1	B-2	BP	OT
<i>Child Day Care Services—Large</i>	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	Yes	Yes	Yes

Yes – Permitted / CUP – Conditional Use Permit required / Not Permitted in the Industrial zoning districts