In-Home and Informal Child Care

Definition:

Administrative Rule of South Dakota (ARSD) defines an informal child care provider as an individual who is a friend of the family requesting child care assistance who does not live with the recipient, is at least 18 years of age, and provides care only for that recipient's child(ren).

ARSD defines an in-home provider as an individual who provides child care services in the home of the family requesting child care assistance. An in-home provider does not live with the family and is at least 18 years of age. Care is provided only to that family's child(ren).

- Informal providers and in-home providers are exempt from licensure or registration.
- In order to receive child care assistance payments, informal and in-home providers are required to meet federal and state health and safety requirements such as training, background checks, and an annual inspection of the home used for care.

Health and Safety Regulatory Requirements met by an informal or in-home child care provider:

- ARSD 67:47:01:13.01 requirements for an in-home and informal provider

Informal and In-Home Policy Handbook

Monitoring and Inspections

Sample Monitoring Form

Background Checks Required

For more information, please visit our Office of Licensing & Accreditation Constituent Portal to start the process to becoming an informal or in-home provider.