

Should square footage requirements be added to RF?

Rules Review for CCEC Discussion

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Rule Section	Caring For Our Children Standards	Pros/Cons
<p>Current Language:</p> <p>414-300-0140(1) Certified Centers – Indoor Space There shall be a minimum of 35 square feet of indoor activity area per child. Space considered in determining the facility capacity shall be available for use by children at all times, shall be used exclusively for child care during the hours of operation and shall be determined on a room-by-room basis. The following shall not be counted as part of the 35 square feet per child requirement: heating units; storage areas; teachers' desks; large permanent equipment; any space not useable by children. Cribs will be counted as useable space if the space underneath the cribs is accessible to children.</p> <p>414-300-0150(2) Certified Centers – Outdoor Space There shall be at least 75 square feet of outdoor space for each child using the area at one time. In centers where groups of children are scheduled at different times for outdoor play, there shall be 75 square feet times one-third of the center's capacity, if permitted by local zoning regulations.</p> <p>414-350-0140(1)(a) Certified Family – Indoor Space If the provider is certified to care for 12 children or fewer, there shall be a minimum of 35 square feet of indoor activity area, as defined by OAR 414-350-0010(1), per child. If the provider is certified to care for more than 12 children, there shall be a minimum of 35 square feet of indoor activity area per child for 12 or fewer children, and 50 square feet of indoor activity area available per child for each of the additional four children. This space, considered in determining capacity of the home, shall be available for use by children at all times. The following shall not be counted as part of the 35 square feet per child requirement: heating units, storage areas; large permanent equipment; any space not useable by children.</p> <p>414-350-0150(2) Certified Family – Outdoor Space A home shall have an outdoor play area of no less than 75 square feet for each child using the area at one time.</p>	<p>Indoor Space STANDARD 5.1.2.1: Space Required per Child In general, the designated area for children's activities should contain a minimum of forty-two square feet of usable floor space per child. A usable floor space of fifty square feet per child is preferred. This excludes floor area that is used for: a. Circulation (e.g., walkways around the activity area); b. Classroom support (e.g., staff work areas and activity equipment storage that may be adjacent to the activity area); c. Furniture (e.g., bookcases, sofas, lofts, block corners, tables and chairs); d. Center support (e.g., administrative office, washrooms, etc.) Usable, indoor floor space for the children's activity area depends on the design and layout of the child care facility, and whether there is an opportunity and space for outdoor activities.</p> <p>Outdoor Space STANDARD 6.1.0.1: Size and Location of Outdoor Play Area The facility or home should be equipped with an outdoor play area that directly adjoins the indoor facilities or that can be reached by a route that is free of hazards and is no farther than one-eighth mile from the facility. The playground should comprise a minimum of seventy-five square feet for each child using the playground at any one time. The following exceptions to the space requirements should apply: A minimum of thirty-three square feet of accessible outdoor play space is required for each infant; A minimum of fifty square feet of accessible outdoor play space is required for each child from eighteen to twenty-four months of age.</p>	<p>Currently there are no square footage requirements in Registered Family.</p> <p>Some concerning situations that we come across (not always, but from time to time):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's play space being confined to a back small bedroom. A typical small bedroom is 10 x 11 = 110 square feet / the proposed 35 square feet means that space only qualifies for 3 children. We see up to 10 in the space. • Child care occurring in a single wide trailer. The typical living room space is 12 x 15 max = 180 square feet. What I have seen is that living room is wall to wall furniture, the floor play space is minimal. 180/35= 5 children, but most of those places, there were be subtractions for some of the furniture. • Apartment - Bedrooms are often not safe and are off limits. Typical living room size is 13 x 15 max = 195 square feet / 35 = 5 children. An apartment may have a small dining area that could also be included if it is set up to be used by children.