

Washoe County Human Services Agency

Regulations for Child Care Facilities

Relocation, Construction, or Remodeling

SECTION 4 RELOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OR REMODELING OF FACILITIES

- 4.1 Purchase or lease of an existing facility. Upon request of the Agency, applicant shall furnish the Agency with copies of any purchase or lease documents pertaining to the building to be used as a child care facility. A building used as a facility must, upon a change of operating ownership, comply with these regulations and applicable building and safety codes.
- 4.2 New construction or remodeling. The building plans for the construction of a new facility or the remodeling of an existing facility must be submitted to the Agency for review before commencement of actual construction. Review of the plan does not constitute approval of an application for a license.
- 4.3 Required square footage of facilities. Based upon the maximum number of children stated on the facility license:
- A. Exclusive of bathrooms, halls, kitchen, stairs, storage spaces, multi-purpose rooms and gymnasiums not regularly used, a facility must contain at least 35 square feet of usable indoor floor space per child for play; and
 - B. A facility must contain at least 37-1/2 square feet of outdoor play space for each child as determined by the maximum number of children stated on the license. An accommodation facility need not provide outdoor play space.
 - C. A facility that provides care for ill children must have:
 - 1. At least 50 square feet of indoor space for each child.
 - 2. A separate ventilation system if the facility is attached to another building.
 - D. If a facility that provides care for ill children is a component of a child care center and provides outdoor play space, the play space must:
 - 1. Be separate from the play space for well children; and
 - 2. Meet the requirements of Section 4.3.B.