

Application to care for any unrelated children must be made to the Health Department. If more than 3 unrelated children are in care, application must also be made to the Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS); call (214) 951-7902 for information and an application packet.

Caregiver Qualifications:

1. Must be 21 years of age with GED, or a high school equivalent
2. Must have a certificate for CPR (infant & children) and first aid
3. Must obtain 20 hours of continuing education per year
4. All adults must have a negative TB test (this includes spouse and other adult household members)

The maximum number of children allowed to be in care is 6 preschoolers (18 months to 4 years). All children must be counted, including the caregivers (age 13 and under). Two additional children may be in care provided they are siblings of the others in care and are school age (5 or older). The maximum number of infants (a child less than 18 mo.) is four (4).

Preschoolers		School Age Children 5--13 years	Maximum Allowed
0--17 mos.	18 months-- 4 years		
4	0	2	6
4	1	1	6
4	2	0	6
3	0	4	7
3	1	3	7
3	2	2	7
3	3	1	7
2	0	6	8
2	1	5	8
2	2	4	8
2	3	3	8
2	4	2	8
1	5	2	8
0	6	2	8
0	0	8	8

(Code 1966, § 13-136)

Specific questions regarding caregiver/child ratios may be referred to the Health Department (972) 744-4080.