## Home Child Care and Unlicensed Child Care: How Many Children Are Allowed?\*



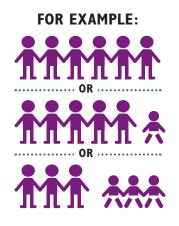
### HOME CHILD CARE (LICENSED)

MAXIMUM OF 6

children under 13 years old, including the provider's **own children** under 4 years old



**NO MORE THAN 3** children under 2 years old



# To promote the safety and well-being of children, licensed home care agencies also consider the following before placing a child:

- the ages of the other children in the group;
- the child's ability to evacuate independently in an emergency;
- the experience and qualifications of the child care provider;
- the physical environment of the home; and
- any special needs and medical needs.

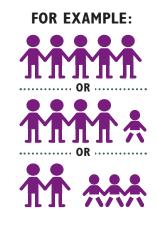
### **UNLICENSED CHILD CARE**

MAXIMUM OF 5 children under 13 years old, including the provider's own children under 4 years old

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**NO MORE THAN 3** children under 2 years old



#### Unlicensed child care providers are also now required to:

- Provide receipts for payment of services upon request and free of charge.
- Inform parents/guardians in writing that they are an unlicensed provider. This notification should say: "This child care program is not licensed by the Government of Ontario." Providers must keep a copy on file for two years.
- Allow the parent/guardian access to the premises and their child (with specific exceptions).

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