

WAC 110-148-1385 How do you decide the capacity for my home?

(1) We will identify the maximum number, age range, and gender of children that may be placed with you. We will base this on your skills, the number of care providers, the physical accommodations in your home, and the needs of the children placed in your home.

(2) The maximum number of children in a licensed foster home is:

(a) Six children in a home licensed with two caregivers. This includes your own children under the age of 18, and children in foster or respite care;

(b) Four children, in a home licensed with one caregiver. This includes your own children under the age of 18, and children in foster or respite care;

(c) If you already have the maximum number of your own children as specified in (a) or (b) in this subsection, you may be licensed for one foster child at our discretion if you meet the other licensing requirements.

(3) If you reach maximum capacity during licensure because you give birth or adopt, your licensor will determine your home's suitability for one additional child.

(4) At any one time you may care for not more than:

(a) Two children less than two years of age or who are nonambulatory, including your own children; or

(b) Four children with intellectual and developmental disabilities as defined in RCW 71A.10.020; or

(c) Three medically fragile foster children who need semi-skilled maintenance or supportive services. You must have the qualified training and experience to provide proper care.

(5) You may have placement of a teen parent and their child. Both the teen parent and their child do not have to be in the custody of the department or a CPA, however, they will count towards your maximum capacity.

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