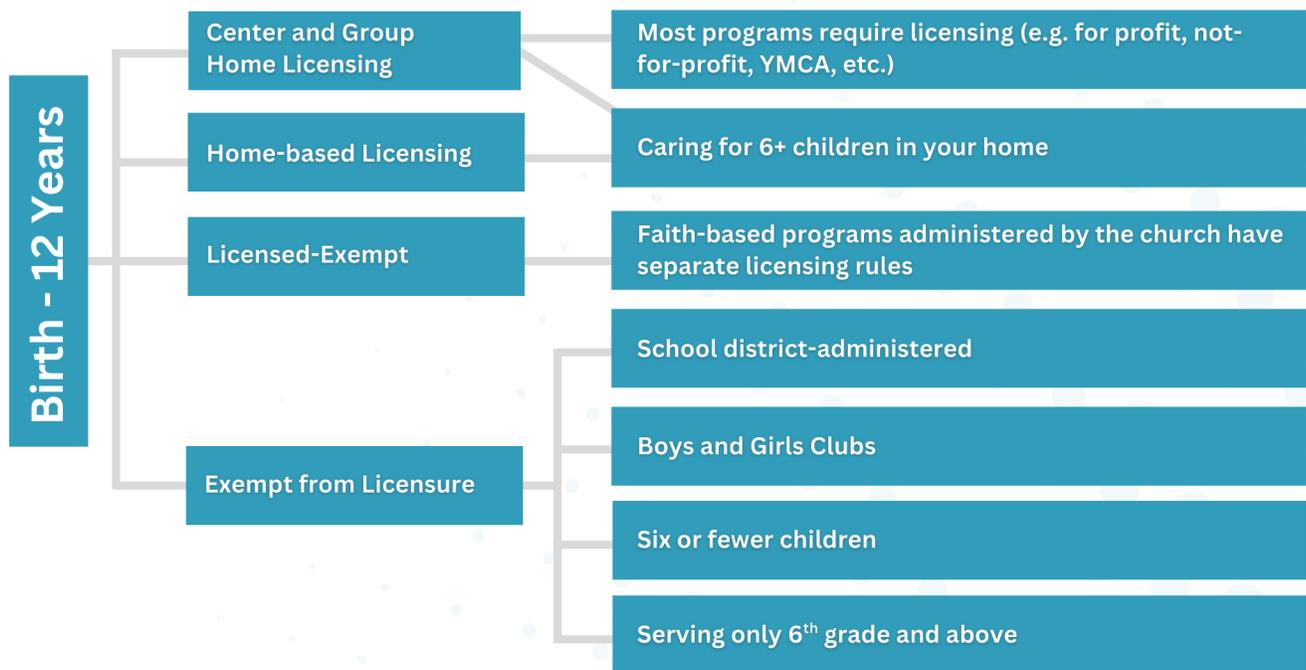


Licensing

You may be able to tell right away that you are going to need to be licensed, but if you are unsure, we recommend filling out the Program Evaluation Questionnaire.

Great! Have you looked into licensing?

What ages are you serving?



Some questions to consider related to afterschool licensing

- Do you have a location? Where are you going to meet with the kids? Some licensing rules about physical space are not applicable if the program is serving only school-age children in kindergarten and above.
- Are you serving only a few kids in a specific content/subject area? If so, could you provide your content to children enrolled in an existing afterschool program?
- Who is administering the program (i.e., owner/operator)? The school exemption only applies when the school is operating the program. If a school contracts out to another organization to operate the afterschool program in the school building, the program will have to become licensed. (Note: Boys & Girls Clubs are also exempt from licensure).

Summer and Day Camp Exemptions

A summer camp is a childcare program that:

- Provides recreation for school-age children.
- Operates from May to September.

Does not offer care for children under 5 years of age.

A day camp is a childcare program that:

- Provides recreation for school-age children.
- Operates when a local school system is not in session.
- Does not offer care for children under 5 years of age.
- Examples: PD Day, Holiday Break, Snow Days (any time during the regular school year when school would normally be in session)
 - School Day = Students are expected to be in attendance during any portion of the day. Early release days do not count as day camp days.

These programs will be required to obtain licensure if they operate in tandem, at the same address, under the same owner, for the same population of children because the OOC views them as the same program even though they operate at different times/months and hours.

Resources

Licensing:

[Child Care Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \(mo.gov\)](https://www.mo.gov/child-care)

DESE Office of Childhood Website:

[Office of Childhood Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \(mo.gov\)](https://www.mo.gov/office-of-childhood)

Laws, Regulations, and Exemptions:

[Rules & Laws Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \(mo.gov\)](https://www.mo.gov/rules-laws)