



CHILD CARE FACILITIES

COMMERCIAL AND HOME DAY CARE USES

FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES allow up to 14 children at the child care provider's own home which can be any type of permitted residence (single-family home, duplex, apartment, etc.).

- ✓ State license from the California Department of Social Services **required**. Contact the Community Care Licensing Division: (408) 324-2148 or <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/community-care-licensing>
- ✓ City permits for construction work **may be required**. Contact the Los Altos Planning Division: planning@losaltosca.gov or (650) 947-2750.
- ✗ Use permit from the City of Los Altos **not required**.
- ✗ Business license from the City of Los Altos **not required**.



DAY CARE / CHILD CARE CENTERS are group daycare programs, including day nurseries, nursery schools, preschools, playgroups, and afterschool groups.

- ✓ Use permit from the City of Los Altos **may be required** – see following page for information on the requirements and process.
- ✓ One (1) off-street parking space is required for every two (2) employees plus additional parking and pick up/drop off area as required by the Los Altos Planning Commission/City Council if subject to a use permit.
- ✓ Business license from the City of Los Altos **required**. Contact the Los Altos Finance Department: (650) 947-2760.
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LOCATION & PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

If a property's zoning district is not listed below, a day care/child care center is not an allowable use at that location.

Zoning District	Permit Requirement
CD	Use Permit
CD/R3	Use Permit
CN	Use Permit
CRS ¹	Use Permit
CT	Use Permit
PC ²	None
PCF ³	Use Permit – when <u>not</u> operating from a public school facility
PCF/R1-10 ³	Use Permit – when <u>not</u> operating from a public school facility



¹ Not allowable in a ground floor building space fronting directly onto Main Street or State Street

² Only allowable upon approval of a master plan for the entire site

³ A use permit is not required when operating from a public school facility

CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

- ✓ Applications for a use permit are processed by the Los Altos Planning Division. The submittal requirements can be found on the City's website at: <https://www.losaltosca.gov/development-services/page/forms-and-handouts-0>
- ✓ Use permit applications require review by the Los Altos Planning Commission through a public hearing.

