

## Rules Regulating Child Care Center | Small Center Director

### 7.702.43 Director Qualifications - Small Child Care Center

- A. The director or substitute director of a small center must have completed one of the following:
1. A current professional teaching license issued by the Colorado Department of Education with an endorsement in the area of early childhood education or early childhood special education. ;
  2. A current early childhood professional Credential Level III Version 2.0 as determined by the Colorado Department of Education;
  3. Three (3) years' satisfactory experience in the group care of children less than six (6) years of age (5460 hours) and at least two (2) 3-semester hours from a regionally accredited college or university, at either a two year, four year or graduate level, in each of the following subject or content areas in early childhood education; one of the courses must be either introduction to early childhood education or guidance strategies;
  4. Two (2) years' college education (sixty semester hours) at a regionally accredited college or university, at either a two year, four year or graduate level, in each of the following subject or content areas with at least two (2) 3-semester-hour courses in early childhood education; one of which must be either introduction to early childhood education or guidance strategies; and one (1) year (1820 hours) of satisfactory experience in the group care of children less than six (6) years of age;
  5. Current certification as a Child Development Associate (CDA) or other Department-approved credential; or,
  6. A two (2) year college degree in child development or early childhood education from a regionally accredited college or university, at either a two year, four year or graduate level, in each of the following subject or content areas that must include at least one 3-semester hour course in either introduction to early childhood education or guidance strategies and six (6) months (910 hours) satisfactory experience in the group care of children less than six (6) years of age.
- B. Satisfactory experience includes all options listed at Section 7.702.42, B.