

## **Child Development Center. FAC: 7371**

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**1.1. Description.** Child Development Centers may be established to provide child care for children from the ages of six weeks through five years of age for full-day, part-day, and hourly service.

**1.2. Requirements Determination.** Development of the facility space program should take into consideration the demand for care for each age group to determine the number and distribution of care room types, the anticipated proportion of full- versus part-day care, and the existing child care facilities on base and their adequacies or inadequacies relative to current and future needs. For planning criteria see UFC 4-740-14, *Design: Child Development Centers*. Any criteria not specifically addressed in the Air Force guidance is established by the reference manual, *National Health and Safety Performance Standards: Guidelines for Out-of-Home Child Care Programs*, by the American Public Health Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

**1.3. Scope Determination.** Estimate the number of children that can be served in child development center annexes. Subtract this number from the projected need. If child care services comparable in quality, cost, and service to those in the child development center are available in the civilian community or through family care homes on base, these should also be considered in projecting unmet needs. Other functions to be accommodated include administrative support oversight of family day care, information and referral services, and special needs care.

### **1.4. Dimensions.**

**1.4.1. Sizing Parameters.** The minimum size should accommodate no fewer than 48 children. Base space allowance per child on an average of 7.9 m<sup>2</sup> (85 ft<sup>2</sup>), not including mechanical or administrative space, including space for the family day care administrative office and lending program, which should be added to the gross total for the facility. Limit facility size to no more than 305 children per site. See UFC 4-740-14.

**1.4.2. Experience Data.** The capacity of the facility should be based on historical data experience when available. Waiting lists should be reviewed and updated to project unmet need. Consider expected changes in mission. Where no experience data is available, use the DoD formula for projecting need in AFI 34-248, *Child Development Centers*, or consult AF/A1S for need data.

**1.5. Design Considerations.** See UFC 4-740-14.