

# CHILD CARE RULE AND REGULATORY RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY

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## COLORADO MAY CONSIDER



Expand Home-Based and Small Center Care  
by Easing Local Ordinances

**22%** Home care for toddlers =  
**22% cheaper** than in a  
center-based setting

**35%** Home care for infants =  
**35% cheaper**

Modestly Increase Child to Teacher Ratios  
or Mixed Age Classroom Requirements

**9-20%** 

Increasing the child:teacher ratio by one  
child across all age groups decreases  
child care center prices by **9%-20%**



Expand the use of  
Share Services Alliances (SSA)

Adopt a More Explicitly Risk Based  
Licensing/Inspection Model

**50** POINTS 

Currently, Colorado's 1-5 level Quality  
Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)  
captures more than 50 points of  
evaluation, creating a complex and  
likely ineffective system for  
determining true quality.