



Department of Early Education and Care

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Small Group and School Age Child Care Licensing

POLICY STATEMENT: Clarifying definition - where SGSA programs may operate

The Small Group and School Age Child Care License became part of EEC's regulations effective, January 22, 2010. This license was created to allow alternative programming for providers seeking to operate a small licensed program in a non-residential setting without as many administrative requirements as a Large Group and School Age Child Care license requires. This license allows a program to operate with a licensed capacity of ten or fewer children.

Small Group and School Age Child Care programs cannot be licensed in a private residence such as a Family Child Care home, single or multifamily home unless a portion of the building has been converted to meet the requirements of the State Building Code for a center based child care center.

A program operating in one of these residential locations for ten or fewer children **must** be licensed as a Family Child Care program or show evidence of meeting the requirements of regulation 7.07(2). A program operating with 11 or more children must be licensed as a Large Group and School Age program regardless of the setting.