

Registered Day Care Ministries in...



Indiana

- ✗ Child care programs run by religious ministries are exempt from state licensing.
- ✗ Providers in these programs are not subject to fingerprint background checks.
- ✗ There is no CPR or first-aid training required.
- ✗ No limits on group sizes for children or required staff:child ratios designed to promote child safety.

NACCRRRA's 2010 Parent Polling shows:

- 78 percent of parents believe all child care programs are licensed.
- 85 percent of parents believe child care providers must have a background check.



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Casey Williams chose a church-sponsored child care program in Indianapolis for her young daughter. She did not know that child care centers operated by ministries were exempt from licensing. She assumed that because the child care program was registered, that it was licensed.

Williams began to have doubts about the quality of care when she noticed the high employee turnover rate. Then, she learned about an incident in which police were called to the center after a report of employees fighting. After contacting the Family and Social Services Administration, Williams learned that the center's owner had a felony conviction and a Child Protective Services' substantiation for child abuse/neglect. Concerned for the safety of her child, she removed her daughter from the center. According to Williams, the owner continues to work there although the owner is court-ordered not to do so. Williams believes that situations like this can be avoided if laws are changed so that home-based, center-based, and church-based child care programs are required to follow the same laws.



NACCRRRA's Policy Recommendation:

- As part of the reauthorization of the Child Care Development and Block Grant in the 112th Congress, require states to conduct background checks of all paid child care providers who regularly care for children (like a business), including a state and federal fingerprint, a check of the sex offender registry and a check of the child abuse registry.
- Require all providers caring for unrelated children on a regular basis (like a business) to have a license.

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