

Survey Overview

Who Regulates Child Care in Kansas?

The Kansas Office of Early Childhood (KOEK) Child Care Licensing (CCL) Program monitors and licenses child care facilities. Agency Licensing Specialists ensure child care facilities follow basic health and safety rules.

Who is Responsible for Following the Rules?

The licensed child care provider (facility owner) is responsible for following the rules.

- Licensing helps reduce injuries and improve the care children receive.
- Licensing does not guarantee quality, but it does set basic safety standards.

What does the Survey Findings show?

The survey findings include:

- The visit date
- Any violations cited
- How many regulations were noncompliant out of how many regulations were reviewed. For example (3/450) displayed beside the “View Findings” link show that the facility has 3 noncompliant regulations out of 450 regulations that were reviewed by the agency.
- Complaint surveys where at least one violation is cited.
- If multiple rows share the same survey number, then the multiple visits occurred on separate dates. The survey with the most recent date shows any corrections made by the facility or additional violations cited during the subsequent visits.
- Administrative orders the agency issued

Types of Survey or Inspection:

Initial Survey or Inspection

- After a facility applies for a license, scheduled visit.

Annual Survey or Inspection

- Every year, unannounced visit.

Complaint Survey or Inspection

- When someone reports a concern, unannounced visit.

Compliance Survey or Inspection

- Check previous violations were fixed, unannounced visit.

During these visits:

- A tour of the facility is done.
- Paperwork, records, and safety plans are checked.
- Violations are written down in a report (called a Notice of Survey Findings or NOSF).
 - A violation happens when a facility doesn't follow a rule.
- The facility has 5 days to correct any violations found at any survey
 - If a problem is fixed during the visit, it will be noted in the report, and nothing more is needed.

Following these visits:

- If a facility gets a violation, the facility may submit a plan (called a Compliance Action Plan) explaining how and when they will fix the violation.
- The Compliance Action Plan doesn't mean that the agency agrees with the facilities plan or erases the violation.