What type of child care fits your family best?

- Are you seeking care during traditional business hours?
  - Yes
    - Do you prefer your child be with kids his own age?
      - Yes
        - Do you prefer your child be in a home setting?
          - Yes
            - Do you prefer a group setting?
              - Yes
                - Nanny/Au Pair
              - No
                - Licensed Family Child Care Home
          - No
            - Is having a state license important to you?
              - Yes
                - Licensed Child Care Center
              - No
                - Voluntarily Registered Family Child Care Home
      - No
        - Is your child under 5 years old?
          - Yes
            - Preschool Program
          - No
            - School-Age Program
    - No
      - Is your child need full-time care?
        - Yes
          - Licensed Family Child Care Home
        - No
          - Religiously Exempt Child Care Center

1 State licensed child care programs are inspected by the state at least twice per year. They have requirements for background checks, continued annual education, safety, and first aid/CPR certification. This is not the same as a general business license.

2 In Virginia, there are 13 additional exemptions to child care licensure. To read more about these click here.