



Family Child Care Homes in Virginia

- ✗ VA does not license child care homes until 5 unrelated children are in care.
- ✗ Most child care homes with 1-4 children are not licensed, which means no background check, no minimum health & safety training, and no inspections. (Local ordinances in Arlington and Alexandria do not require CPR certification or safe sleep practices. Fairfax County does have these requirements).

VA Fast Facts

- 387,037 children under age 6 have working parents
- 496,000 children between age 6 & 12 have working parents
- VA has 14 categories of license-exempt child care.

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Olivia

Olivia Nicole Ary was 3 ½ months old when she died in a home-based child care program in Arlington.

When an autopsy was conducted, the medical examiner found four broken back ribs. She had major bleeding, which the medical examiner explained meant that the ribs had been broken while she was still breathing. Brain tissue showed that she had suffocated.

"The medical examiner said that most likely when the provider found Olivia unresponsive, she performed CPR wrong -- which caused the bleeding and broken back ribs," said Dilyara Daminova, Olivia's mother.

The provider lied. She said she was only caring for three children and that Olivia was the only infant. Actually, she was caring for two infants, two preschool-age children plus two of her own children under age 12. She had no cribs, the infants napped in car seats or on a mat on the floor. On the November day that Olivia died, the baby had been placed to sleep face down on a blanket wearing her snowsuit. When Olivia was struggling to breathe, the provider never called 911. In Arlington, providers caring for 3 or fewer children are required to have a Certificate of Approval and providers caring for more than 3 children are required to have a County license. Unfortunately for Olivia and her family, Arlington County does not require providers to be certified in CPR or require safe sleep practices (to avoid suffocation).

"I trusted her. She repeatedly lied to me, but I didn't know. Olivia was only going to be in her care for 2 weeks. If she had known CPR, if she had called 911, my Olivia might have survived. Instead the worst occurred," said Dilyara Daminova, Olivia's mother.

Dilyara is fighting for child care safety so that all children in child care are safe.



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Child Care Aware of Virginia's Policy Recommendations:

- Require all paid child care providers caring for unrelated children to have a license.
- Require a comprehensive background check on all child care providers – a fingerprint check against state and federal records, a check of the sex offender registry, and a check of the child abuse registry.
- Require all child care providers to have training in child development and basic health & safety (such as first aid/CPR, safe sleeping practices, and other protections for children).
- Adopt the recommendations from the license-exempt task force to promote child safety in license-exempt care (e.g., require registration for license-exempt providers, background checks for staff, CPR certification for at least one adult on site or with the children, and safe sleeping practices for babies).

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