

.01 PURPOSE.

The purpose of registration of family day care homes is to:

A. Protect the health, safety, and welfare of children while they are in family day care; and

INTENT: When a parent or guardian gives the care and supervision of a child to another person, there may be certain risks for the child. To offset these risks, rules and regulations have been established to protect the health, safety, and welfare of children in out-of-home care. Under Maryland law, family day care registration ensures that caregivers meet certain minimum standards for child health and safety and the operation of a child care program.

B. Identify family day care homes.

INTENT: With certain exceptions (see [Section .03](#) of this Manual), Maryland law requires caregivers to become registered as family day care providers before they are permitted to provide care. Persons who meet the requirements of COMAR 07.04.01 are issued a certificate of registration. Possession of this certificate identifies a person as someone who is authorized by the State of Maryland to provide family day care.

General Note: COMAR 07.04.01 regulations are adopted and enforced by the Maryland Department of Human Resources, Child Care Administration under the statutory authority of the Family Law Article, Sections 5-550 – 5-557.1, and the State Government Article, Section 10-617, Annotated Code of Maryland.