The following provides guidance on whether child care centers on Naval bases are required to have State or local licenses.

Program legislation [Section 17(a)(1) of the National School Lunch Act] and regulations [7 CFR 226.6(d)] require that child care centers and day care homes participating in the CCFP be licensed or approved by Federal, State or local authorities. In this regard, we have been aware that child care centers operating on Army bases must meet and be monitored for compliance with standards, set by the Department of the Army, which ensure the health and safety of the children attending the center. The Department of the Navy was contacted and they too have and monitor against a similar set of standards. Therefore, a child care center meeting these Navy standards can be said to have Federal "licensing" or "approval" and is eligible to participate in the CCFP without further licensing from State or local authorities.

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