

# Determining Center Size

Child Care Design Guide - Anita Rui Olds

Space Standard (Quality)	Primary Activity Space in Each Group Room	Secondary Activity Space in Each Group Room * **	Adult & Common Space (Outside the Group Rooms)	Tertiary (Non-assignable) Space	Total Building Square Footage
<b>Minimum</b>	35 sq ft / child	20 sq ft / child	15 sq ft / child	17.5 sq ft / child (25%)	88 sq ft / child
<b>Workable</b>	42 sq ft / child	20 sq ft / child	18 sq ft / child	20 sq ft / child (25%)	100 sq ft / child
<b>Better</b>	46 sq ft / child	20 sq ft / child	22 sq ft / child	26 sq ft / child (30%)	115 sq ft / child
<b>Recommended</b>	50 sq ft / child	22 sq ft / child	24 sq ft / child	29 sq ft / child (30%)	125 sq ft / child

\* In infant rooms, an additional 30 sq ft / child is needed for each crib and the 2-3-foot clearance required between adjacent cribs.

\*\* Because toddlers need both diapering and toileting, an additional 3 sq ft / child are desirable.

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