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I believe the increase of permitted absences from 25 to 40 per year is unreasonable. Private pay families in many cases are afforded little, or in most cases, no compensation for absences/vacation time.

40 permitted absences is an exorbitant amount that in a way encourages families to not send their child to care which interrupts their care routine. It interrupts their establishment of positive relationships as well.

The benefits of the ELRC program is to provide high quality care to children/families that otherwise could not afford it. Permitting this amount of absences, let alone almost encouraging them, is counterproductive to the whole concept. A child cannot reap the benefits of the types of high quality programming if they are not in attendance.

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- Fred Rogers

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