Ever consider starting a home child care business?



Looking for a new career? Child Care Solutions can help.

Call us at (315) 446-1220 for more information.

There are 3 types of home child care businesses:

FDC

Registered Family Day Care

-One adult may care for 6 children not yet in school, plus 2 school-aged children **GFDC**

Licensed Group Family Day Care

- Two adults may care for 12 children not yet in school plus 2-4 schoolaged children.

FDC & GFDC involve a 90 day application and review process.

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Legally Exempt Enrolled Provider

- Parents must be income eligible for county Dept of Social Services child care subsidy.
- Parents and provider complete an enrollment application together for care of their child(ren).
- Provider may care for two unrelated children, or more children only if all are directly related to the provider.
- Care may be provided in the child's home or the provider's home.

General Information about FDC or GFDC

PROVIDER

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Provider and household members must be in good physical and mental health.
- Background checks are required. *Some felony convictions will automatically disqualify a person from operating a day care home.*

TRAINING

- Two years of experience caring for children less than 12 years, OR one year of experience plus six hours of training or education in early childhood development.
- Must complete NYS Health & Safety competency training.
- CPR & First Aid certification needed for at least one person present during child care.



- **Start-up money will be needed**: minimum \$500 (for background check fee, training fees, cost of health exam and TB test, equipment and materials if not already in place).
- Earn a potential income of \$30,000-\$80,000/year depending upon your hours of operation, number of children in care, and participation in CACFP.
- Don't quit your current job until your application has been approved.

Requirements for the Home

- You or someone else must live in the home where you will provide care.
- Sufficient space, lighting, and ventilation is needed for children in care.
- Two remote exits are necessary for safe evacuation in an emergency.
- Alternate place to go if you need to evacuate the home.
- Permission of landlord if renting.
- Fencing, barriers or alarms may be needed if there are bodies of water on your property or adjacent properties.
- Access to outdoor space; may be a nearby park.
- Basic safety items: smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detector, gates, window guards, fire extinguishers, first-aid kit
- Sufficient equipment and materials needed for children, infants through school-age.

You Will Have 90 Days to Complete the Application Process

Complete the NYS OCFS Online Orientation Session

• Go to: http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/techreq.asp

• Create an account and password

• View the orientation (about 1.5 hours, can stop and re-start)

• After finishing the orientation, request your application

GET STARTED

- Complete and submit application forms

 *Call (315) 446-1220 for help with application forms
- Prepare for home inspection
- Complete fingerprinting
- Submit other background check materials
- First home inspection completed
- Register for required training

• Correct issues identified during home inspection

 Complete required training to obtain Health & Safety, CPR & First Aid Certifications

• Complete and submit remaining application pages

MONTH 7

MONTH

• All application pages & training must be completed

• Final home inspection

• Receive Registration or License

MONTH 3



OPEN YOUR BUSINESS!

As a licensed or registered provider, you are ready to advertise and begin your career in child care!