



Become a Registered Family Child Care Provider

Family Child Care: A Profession

You can have the convenience of working at home, the satisfaction of self-employment, and the enjoyment of caring for children!

Benefits to Providers:

- Training and technical assistance
- Resource and referral services
- Child Care Food Program eligibility
- Access to group rate for liability insurance
- Official state registration certificate

Benefits to Families:

- Small group size
- Home-like setting
- Flexible hours
- Home inspected and monitored
- Training requirements for provider
- Referrals available

Community Need

There is an increasing demand for:

- Quality child care outside the child's home
- Child care for infants and toddlers
- Before and after school care
- Child care in small group environments

Family Child Care Registration Specifics:

Registered family child care is a natural choice for many parents. Family child care provides small group settings for infants, toddlers or school-age children who need to unwind at the end of a busy school day. Because care is provided for five or fewer children in the private home of the provider, children interact in small groups in an

informal home setting. Providers set their own hours/fee and can also become an extension of the family's support system.

Establishing a family child care program in your home requires that you follow a few simple guidelines.

The Office for Children inspects, trains, registers and monitors family child care providers on an unannounced basis to ensure compliance with state regulations as outlined in the Family Day Care Provider Act of 1987. This public law authorizes the regulation of family child care homes in New Jersey. In addition, the Office for Children provides technical assistance, training and consultation to providers.

Requirements:

- 18 years of age of older
- Live in the home where child care is provided
- Have a substitute caregiver who is at least 18 years of age
- Submit physician's statements verifying that all caregivers are in good health, free of communicable disease and able to care for children
- Submit negative results from a Mantoux tuberculin skin test or results of a chest x-ray for all caregivers
- Disclose any criminal conviction history and consent to Child Abuse Record Information background check for all caregivers and provider household members at least 14 years old
- Submit two references
- Complete 8 hours of pre-service training offered by the Office for Children
- Comply with state standards and permit home to be inspected
- Allow unscheduled monitors from the Office for Children or State of New Jersey
- Pay a \$25 non-refundable registration fee (good for 3 years)
- CPR & First Aid