

# Have You Considered Family Child Care as a Career?



There is high demand for more child care options in communities across the country. If you love working with children, enjoy connecting with families, and want to support your community, consider becoming a Family Child Care provider!



## Becoming a Family Child Care provider means:



**Being your own boss** while also connecting with other early care and education professionals who share your goals and passions.



Working in the comfort of your own home with the **flexibility to create your own hours** that meet your family's needs.



Potential to **generate income** to support you and your family.



**Saving on child care costs** if you have your own children, as well as the ability to provide a safe place for them to learn and grow with other children.



**Meeting unique needs in your community.** Family Child Care can be a safe and nurturing option for families who struggle to find care that works for them, such as during evenings or weekends or for children with disabilities.



Being one of the most influential people in the lives of the children in your care. Positive and supportive experiences with child care providers **help children's brains grow strong and flexible.**

## What is Family Child Care?

Family child care (FCC) homes are child care programs that are usually run out of an individual's home. They may need a child care license, which provides regulations for safe and healthy child care.

There is support for licensed child care providers such as training and coaching, and there may be added benefits for providing quality child care such as support for pursuing higher education and financial incentives. Some areas offer Shared Services that allow FCC providers to share costs for common business expenses.

**Did you know?**

### Where can I learn more?



Your local **Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agency** can help you learn whether there is a need for care for certain hours or age groups in your area. Download **Child Care Aware® of America's Family Child Care Business Guide**, and contact your local CCR&R for more information about how to get started with Family Child Care.

**Children's brains grow the most rapidly from birth to 5 years!**

Visit [GrowYoungBrains.org](http://GrowYoungBrains.org) for brain-building resources for child care.