

RESOURCE 6: Finding a Location

You may already be planning to open your business in your own home. However, if you are considering purchasing or renting a space for your child care program, think about opening your business in an area where families live or along their route to work. You may also want to contact a local realtor who can help you locate properties that would be suitable for a family child care home.

- 1** I have completed the needs assessment and identified the best location for my child care business based on the most recent data available to me.

Yes No
- 2** I checked with my state or local licensing office and asked about any building or structural requirements for family child care homes.

Yes No
- 3** I checked local zoning laws to make sure I can open a business in this area.

Yes No
- 4** I checked neighborhood covenants and Homeowner Association (HOA) covenants to make sure I can open a business in this area.

Yes No
- 5** I checked with my local Child Care Resource and Referral agency to see if I need a business license to operate a family child care home in my area.

Yes No
- 6** If I am renting a space, I checked the lease agreement to make sure that I can operate a child care business in the rental property.

Yes No

If you have not checked “yes” to the questions above, please take the time to find out the state or local licensing requirements for family child care, zoning laws and restrictive covenants before you go any further.