

## Finding a Location

Once you have established that there is a need for child care in your community and reviewed child care licensing requirements, you can begin the process of selecting a location for your child care center. If you are considering building, purchasing or renting a space, 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 child care center.

- 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 child care centers.  

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. *This will apply if you are planning on opening a child care center in a residential 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 child care center 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 child care centers, zoning laws and restrictive covenants before you go any further.