

Basic Health and Safety:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are emergency numbers posted by the phone? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you met the assistant or substitute? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is outdoor play part of the daily program? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the provider have emergency information on each child in care? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | What are the sick child policies? |



Additional Concerns:

- Tuition and payment policies
- Arrival and departure times
- Overtime fees
- Child release policy
- Provider illness policy



Parent Responsibilities

Quality child care is a partnership requiring equal responsibility between parents and providers. Parents should:

- Value your caregiver because he or she is an important person in your child's life
- Adhere to the arrival and departure times agreed upon with the provider
- Provide emergency phone numbers for work, home, doctor and neighbors
- Provide instructions and sign release forms for giving medication or special foods
- Pay the provider promptly
- Observe your child(ren) in the child care home frequently
- Listen to what the children and provider tell you at the end of each day
- Be sure to calmly discuss any concerns with the provider
- Contact CHS if you have any questions concerning a registered provider

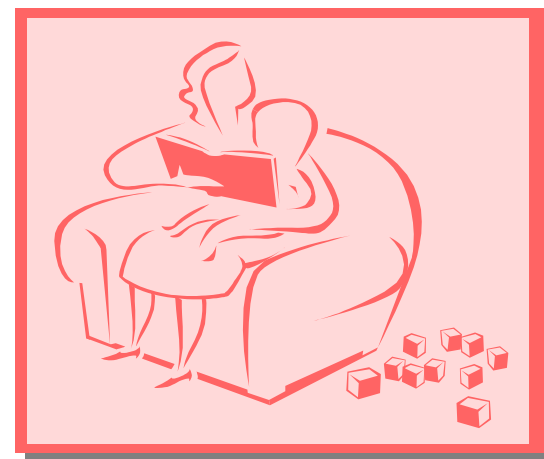
We've been building healthy families since 1894



Hours of Operation

**Monday-Friday
8:30-4:30**

Choosing a Family Child Care Provider



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What is Family Child Care ?

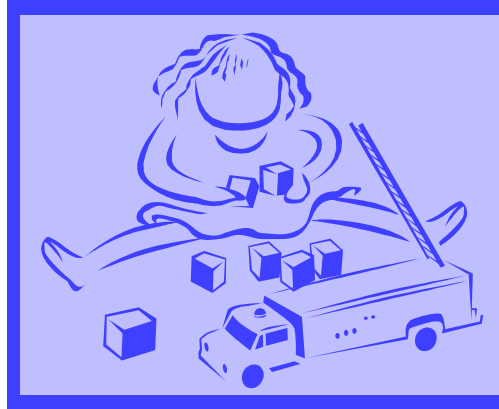
Family child care is care provided in a private residence to five or fewer children for a fee. Many parents prefer that their children be cared for in a small home-like setting.

Family child care providers voluntarily register with the State of New Jersey through our agency. Provider homes are inspected and providers are screened, trained and monitored to ensure compliance with state regulations. CHS maintains records of this data, and it is available for parental review by appointment.

Registration requirements for providers:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must have a Mantoux (tuberculosis) test
- Must submit two references
- Must complete criminal conviction disclosure and CARI (Child Abuse Record Information) statements
- Must complete pre-service training
- Must pass a DYFS FCC Home Inspection
- Must pay \$25 for a three year registration

We provide program observations and technical assistance.



What parents should expect from their providers:

- Ongoing communication
- Attention to building your child's self esteem
- Acceptance of your wishes on matters of discipline, seatbelt/car seat usage, TV watching, food, etc.
- Acceptance of you as the most important person in your child's life

State law specifies that anyone who has reason to believe that any child has been or is being subjected to any form of child abuse or neglect by any person is required to report the concern to the DYFS Office of Child Abuse Control: 1-800-792-8610

Observe the provider's interaction with the children in her care...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the current registration certificate prominently displayed ? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has the provider informed you of the discipline policy? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does she/he treat the children appropriately for their ages and abilities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there planned activities each day? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there no more than 5 paying children at any one time in care? |

Programming - Have you discussed the following issues?

Are safe toys and appropriate learning materials available?

How is the diapering or toileting handled?

Is there a clean, safe place for your child to nap or play quietly?

Who will provide meals/snacks?

What are the policies regarding dispensing medication?