CCR&R Registered Child Care Provider

A guide to becoming a CCR&R Registered Provider
Is this job for me?

Providing child care is both rewarding and challenging. Here are some things to think about when deciding whether this is the job for you:

Can you set firm guidelines for children AND adults?

How do you feel about spending long hours with several children during the week?

How do you plan to take care of yourself both physically and emotionally?

Are you open to other families’ cultures, races and lifestyles?

Can you pass a background check?

Did you think about these things?

☼ How does your spouse/partner feel about you offering child care in your home?

☼ Is your family willing to make their home a public place?

☼ Will your children understand that you will be giving a lot of attention to other children?

☼ Will your children be able to share their space and toys?

☼ Do you have a plan if you and/or your children get sick?

☼ Do you have funding to start your own business, including equipment and any remodeling or changes you may need to do?

☼ Does your neighborhood, landlord or homeowners association allow you to run a business from your home?

☼ Do you have a pending or past, non-appealable criminal history that would disqualify you from child care?

☼ Do you have a pool at your home that is fenced? If not, are you willing and able to fence it? If yes, does it meet the ARS Statutes ARS 36-1681?
How do I list my home with the CCR&R Registry?

Step 1
Talk with your family about your plans, and check if there are any neighborhood rules about running a business in your home.

Step 2
Call Child Care Resources and Referral (CCR&R) at 1.800.308.9000 to get all the appropriate paperwork to list as a Provider with the CCR&R Registry.

Step 3
Create your business plan for becoming a registered child care provider. Think about marketing your business, getting insurance, and buying equipment such as books, games, toys and cribs. (See “Resources” on page 4)

Step 4
Mail the completed application and fee to your local CCR&R office (go to www.azchildcare.org to find contact information). CCR&R staff can assist you in notarizing your paperwork, getting fingerprinted and filling out your forms.

Step 5
Create a personal file to keep all of your training records and certificates.

Remember to call Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) to update your profile when you have changes or if you have any questions.

Requirements:
In order to be listed with CCR&R you must have: a CPR background checks, Infant/Toddler CPR and First Aid certification, and a current Arizona Level I fingerprint clearance card.

Why does CCR&R run background checks on registered providers?

By state law, CCR&R must run background checks on providers. This helps make sure registered providers offer safe, healthy places for children.
Quality Improvement Initiatives

Child Care Resource and Referral has a quarterly newsletter that lists trainings by county. Please visit http://www.azchildcare.org/ccrrtrainings.html to view current training calendars. You may also call 1.800.308.9000 with any questions or to be added to the database to receive the newsletter in the mail.

The Arizona Self-Study Project (ASSP) is an statewide project for early care and education programs committed to improving the quality of care for Arizona’s children. ASSP assists programs to integrate quality developmentally appropriate practices in a model that meets the needs of all children. If you have any questions please contact: Sherri Jones @ sjones@asccaz.org.

First Things First created Quality First to ensure that all Arizona’s children have access to the quality early learning opportunities that will help them arrive at kindergarten ready to succeed. Quality First is Arizona’s statewide Quality Improvement and Rating System for regulated providers of center or home-based early care and education. If you have any questions, please contact the First Things First office at qualityfirst@azftf.gov or 602-771-5000 or toll free at 1-877-803-7234.

Quality child care settings include: safe, healthy environments; highly educated teachers; classrooms and materials that stimulate children at different stages of learning; and low staff to child ratios so that children have the attention and support they need.

Where can I find information to help me offer safe, healthy, fun care?

Child Care Resource and Referral has helpful ideas and links, please visit www.azchildcare.org.

Let’s Move Child Care

One in five children is overweight or obese by age six. You can help.

As a child care provider, you have the powerful opportunity to instill healthy choices that could help prevent childhood obesity from the start. With about 12 million babies and young children in child care nationwide, we cannot afford to wait. Let’s Move! Child Care, an effort to promote children’s health by encouraging and supporting healthier physical activity and nutrition practices for children in child care. To learn more about the Let’s Move! Child Care initiative, please visit www.healthykidshealthyfuture.org.

Safe Kids USA is a nonprofit organization solely dedicated to eliminating preventable childhood injuries, the leading cause of death and disability to children ages www.safekids.org

In the event of a fire, all members of your family must react immediately if they are to have the best chance to escape unharmed. Preparing, and practicing a Family Escape Plan will assure that all members of your family know what to do if ever faced with a fire within the home. http://www.firefacts.org/