

## AGENCY INFO

The Family Resource Center and Agency are a non for profit organization.



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**WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM  
YOU TODAY!**



## ABOUT US

### OUR MISSION

To develop, coordinate, and deliver programs, services and support that are proven to promote the health and well being of children by providing homes and care providers that put the needs of children first. This is done primarily by ensuring a safe, nurturing, family-like environment that allows each child to be supported in all areas of the development.

### OUR PHILISOPHY

Family Matters believes that children learn through playing and exploring their environment and are entitled to opportunities that support all areas of their development. Our programs nurture and support child development through appropriate activities that follow the principles of:

- Children first;
- Equity and accessibility;
- Community based;
- Strengthening and supporting families;
- Flexibility;
- Partnerships.



## FAMILY HOME CHILDCARE

Serving Annapolis and Lunenburg Counties  
Currently Recruiting Care Providers

**JOIN A SUPPORT NETWORK  
OF INDIVIDUALS TO SUPPORT  
YOU ON YOUR CHILDCARE  
BUSINESS JOURNEY**

# Why Family Home Childcare as a business?

Family Home Childcare gives you the opportunity to be self employed and work from the comfort of home and caring for children in a safe, healthy, home based environment that you create. This also involves caring for your own child. Small groups allow for more meaningful interactions with the children in a play based environment. Activities are planned around the childrens interests.

## What are the Requirements?

- ✓ Be at least 19 years old
- ✓ Obtain adequate liability insurance for your home (and vehicle only if you are transporting children)
- ✓ Standard First Aid & CPR"C"
- ✓ Vulnerable Sector Search (Everyone 18 + in home) & Child Abuse Registry Check (Everyone 13 + in home).
- ✓ Complete Family Home Daycare Training Program Level 1 (1 year from approval date) **FREE through Agency!**
- ✓ Accumulate 5 hours of Professional Development per year.
- ✓ Monthly Inspections & Support Visit from Consultant. Yearly Inspections from the Department of Early Childhood and Education.
- ✓ Attend Monthly Provider Meetings (We have FUN!)

# Agency SERVICES



## Lending Library

Most Equipment needed for approval is provided free of charge. This includes Cribs, Gates, Cubbies, Toys, Fire extinguishers, First Aid Kits and MORE!



## Resources and Support

Support from Consultant (Advertising, Activity Planning, PD workshops, Administrative Support and more!) Agency Paperwork Templates Support from other agency Care Providers.



## Grants

Most start up costs can be helped through grants (first aid cost, grocery start up etc.), meaning there is little cost to you. Ask your consultant.



## Coordination of Training

The Consultant coordinates required training, professional development, provider meetings, parent meetings.



The Agency Consultant is here to help you and support you in **Your Vision** and navigating **Your Business** You set your own fees, hours, policies, daily routine.

"If I am a care provider in an approved family home day care, do I become the employee of the agency?"

No, you will be self-employed. The agency will be able to provide information and direct you to resources that can help you learn and benefit from being a selfemployed care provider of a family day care home.

## How Many Children Can I Care For?

Age Range of Children	Staff -to-Child Ratio	Maximum Group Size
Mixed Age	1 to 7	7
Infants	1 to 3	3
School Age	1 to 9	9

Mixed age children can have no more than three children under the age of three, with no more than two infants (under 18 months).

## Some Benefits of Being a Regulated Home Childcare Provider

Being "approved" allows families peace of mind that you meet established standards through regular monitoring.

Expenses are eligible to claim on income tax .

**Approved providers can provide ALL families with fee reductions and Subsidy to those who qualify!**

ECE's with Level 1, 2 or 3 qualify for quartely government grants in addition to daily rates they charge.

Care Providers who care for Infants and Toddlers also qualify for an additional \$10.00 per day grant paid to them to help offset their costs.

Other care providers and family home consultants for interaction and support.

## Access to Outdoor Playspace

As part of a child's healthy development, outside time is very impotant in ALL WEATHER. We provide Muddy Buddies. Regulations state there needs to be least 30 minutes in the morning and afternoon.

There are regulations surrounding play structures at your home. Please check with your consultant. We provide the fencing to meet regulations if you do not have it. Fences must be at least 4 feet high.

## A few more Requirements..... **Again, the Consultant helps!**

- ✓ Signed Service Agreement
- ✓ Develop a Menu that meets Regulations.
- ✓ Have a Parent board with required items to post, including daily routine, latests inspection report , menu etc.
- ✓ Have an emergency and fire safety plan. You must conduct practice fire drills monthly and record them.

