

Thinking of Becoming a Child Care Provider?

Just as not everyone can be an acrobat, or a pianist, or a swimming teacher, not everyone may be emotionally or physically able to care for children. Here are some things you might think about before deciding to make child care your profession.



- ❖ Do I enjoy children and feel good about spending hours alone with them?
- ❖ Can I view caring for children as my **major** responsibility during child care hours?
- ❖ Do I have the patience and self control necessary to continue to give good quality child care even in very stressful situations?
- ❖ Am I physically able to keep up with active children all day, 5 days (or more) a week?

- ❖ Am I able to communicate with parents about such difficult subjects as their children's behavior or an unpaid bill?
- ❖ Am I able to do the record keeping that will enable my business to be successful?
- ❖ Do I understand that child care is a business that will take time to build? (There is no instant income in child care!)
- ❖ Am I able to provide enough safe space for active children both inside *and* outside?
- ❖ Do I have (or can I get) enough age-appropriate toys and furniture for the children I plan to care for?
- ❖ Am I willing to continue to grow and learn new and better ways to increase the quality of the child care I offer?
- ❖ Is my family supportive of my child care business?

Call Family Connections for more information about becoming a child care provider, registering with the State, or classes available through LBCC.

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