



Why Become a Licensed Child Care Provider?

Have you ever wondered why bother with the expense and time needed to become a licensed family child care provider if you are only caring for one family? While there are requirements you will have to meet to become licensed, you may find that the benefits are well worth it.

Did you know...?

If you became licensed you can increase your monthly/annual income by:

- Receiving tax benefits (child care businesses are eligible for business related tax deductions)
- Serving more children (you can care for up to 8 children alone or up to 14 with an aide)
- Being eligible for higher reimbursement rates by Alternative Payment Programs
- Being eligible to participate on CDA's Nutrition Program (receive reimbursement for the nutritious meals and snacks you serve)

There are additional benefits to being licensed such as:

- Being recognized by parents and the community as being a professional child care provider
- Being your own boss
- Being eligible to participate in support groups and programs for licensed child care providers
- Having the confidence that your home meets standard health and safety requirements needed for caring for children

How do I learn about becoming licensed?

- Call Community Care Licensing at [\(619\) 767-2200](tel:6197672200).
- Family child care applicants can complete an online orientation. Details on Community Care Licensing website at cclcd.ca.gov.

Then what?

After you receive your license, notify CDA and new paperwork will be sent to you. Once the completed paperwork is received you may be eligible to receive higher reimbursement rates from CDA. You will also be able to advertise and enroll more families into your newly licensed home. If you have any questions please contact your Provider Specialist at [\(619\) 427-4411](tel:6194274411).

