



CDR is

Ventura County's Child Development Resource Partner.

We are proud to offer a variety of child care development resources and a foundation to build promising futures for children.

We deliver programs that enrich lives.



How much should I charge for charge for child care fees?

The fee is set by the individual Provider. Contact a local Child Care Association or Child Development Resources for their suggestions about basic charges, overtime charges, holidays, and holding rates for children who are home sick or on vacation.

How much does a license cost?

There is a \$25 registration fee to attend a licensing orientation meeting for Family Child Care, a \$60 application fee for small Family Child Care Homes and \$115 fee for a large Family Child Care license. Additional fees for fingerprinting/livescan, Tuberculosis tests, CPR, First Aid, and Health and Safety Training will also be incurred. Finally, a renewal fee to maintain a Family Child Care Home license will be owed on an annual basis to maintain your license.

How do I obtain a license?

Contact Community Care Licensing at 805.682.7647. Information on orientation meeting dates will be mailed to you. Orientation sessions are held in the following cities in Ventura County: Oxnard, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo.

About CDR

Child Development Resources (CDR) provides a foundation to build promising futures for children. CDR collaborates with parents and the community to deliver programs that enrich lives.

CDR assists families in their effort to improve the condition and quality of family life. CDR invests its resources, in cooperation with parents and the community, to make a better present for children; upon which each child can build a fuller future.

CDR is a private non-profit corporation which receives State and Federal contracts to administer the Child Care Resource & Referral and Head Start Preschool Programs in Ventura County.

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Choosing To Become a Licensed Family Child Care Provider





CDR is committed to enhancing the educational opportunities for children, families, and the dedicated individuals like you who serve them.

What You Need to Know About Family Child Care Providers.

What is Family Child Care?

Family Child Care is regularly provided care and supervision of a group of children in the home of a care giver while their parents are away. Usually, care is provided during the hours a parent works.

Who Regulates Family Child Care?

The State Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing is the regulatory agency for child care.

What is the difference between Babysitting and Family Child Care?”

Babysitting is provided in the child’s residence, while Family Child Care is provided in the care giver’s residence. In addition, Family Child Care is usually regular care, while babysitting is usually on an irregular and short term basis. Providers may wish to include a program for children that develop their social, emotional, cognitive and physical skills.

How many children may I care for?

A small Family Child Care home may care for up to eight (8) children, including your own children who are not yet 10 years old. If a licensee would like to open a large Family Child Care home to more than eight children, and up to 14, contact the licensing agency for special instructions.

Basic Requirements for Family Child Care Providers

- All applicants must attend a Family Child Care Licensing Orientation. An application must be submitted within six months of the date of your orientation.
- The applicant must be a responsible adult (atleast 18 years of age) with a willingness to welcome children into their house.
- The applicants, as well as, all adult residents are required to be fingerprinted, have a Child Abuse Index Check and Criminal Record Clearance. The intent of these requirements is to eliminate situations in which a child in care might be exposed to physical or emotional abuse.
- Corporal punishment is not allowed. This means discipline will be carried out without hitting, shaking, or any other negative physical contact. Humiliation and interference with eating, sleeping or elimination are also prohibited.
- Household standards must be such that children are not exposed to health hazards.
- There is not a square footage requirement. However, there should be adequate space for quiet and active play, indoors and outdoors.
- The nap area should allow for comfortable separate space for each child to rest undisturbed.
- Appropriate equipment and developmentally appropriate toys and activities should be provided, so that children are safe and receive the quality of care which helps to develop their minds and bodies.
- The licensee must complete a 15 hour CPR, First Aid, and Health and Safety training course as well as re-certify CPR and First Aid upon expiration.
- The licensee will need to maintain immunization records for each child in their care.
- If the licensee rents a home or apartment, written notification must be given to the landlord within 30 days of operation.

What safety regulations should I be aware of?

Firearms and other dangerous weapons must be stored and locked during the hours that children are in care. Ammunition must be locked separately.

Swimming pools must be fenced with a five (5) foot fence made of material which does not obscure the pool from view and has a self locking gate or is covered with an approved devise.

How do I obtain children to care for in my facility?

Child Development Resources (CDR), Resource and Referral department maintains a database of licensed Family Child Care homes. Parents inquiring about licensed child care will be given a referral list of providers based on age, schedule, location, and other various circumstances. The parent may then choose to contact the Providers on their list. The Provider will make decisions whether to accept a child into care, based upon licensed capacity, as well as how the child would fit in with other children already in care.

Providers may wish to advertise in the local newspaper, online and inform local elementary schools that you have openings for child care.

Providers may also join a Child Care Association. Child care referrals are also made by each Association.

Our Vision

Every child’s growth and development will be fully supported to insure a happy and successful adult life.



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