

right from the start

your family child care business

Staying close to your own children and watching the development of others' are among the many **benefits of starting your own family child care business:**



- Earn income while staying home with your children
- Enjoy watching children grow and develop within a loving and nurturing environment
- Benefit from over 1,000 different income tax deductions, including rent, mileage, and utilities
- Qualify for reimbursement and resources from the USDA Child and Adult Food Program
- Free listing on the YWCA provider referral database
- Technical assistance, networking, grant and training resources

licensed vs. license exempt which path is right for you?

licensed

- Your DCFS accountability shows parents your professionalism and commitment to quality child care
- Earn a higher reimbursement rate from the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
- Receive reimbursements from the federally-funded USDA Child and Adult Food Program
- Access professional development funds for training through Child Care Solutions
- Access annual state grants
- Care for up to eight children

license-exempt

- Receive minimal rate of pay for the Child Care Assistance program (CCAP)
- Receive reimbursements from the federally-funded USDA Child and Adult Food Program
- Care for up to three children, including your own under 12 years of age
- Earn income while pursuing your DCFS license

what is required to get a license?

While there is no fee to become licensed, DCFS applies health and safety expectations for you and your home child care environment and equipment. You must be at least 18 years of age and in good physical and emotional health. You must have a real understanding of the physical and emotional needs of young children, and most importantly, enjoy working with children.

initial licensing requirements

- Completed, signed, and dated application for Home License
- Proof of physical and TB skin test for all members of the household (within past six months)
- High school diploma or GED
- Background checks for all household members or individuals working in the home, 13 years of age or older. Any person in the household 17 years of age or older must be fingerprinted
- Signed and dated Child Support Certification form
- A written hazard plan
- 15 hours of pre service training, acquired within the year of application. Must include SIDS, SBS, CPR/First Aid, and Mandated Reporting
- Three references (not related to you)

is child care right for you?

Take the **DCFS Day Care Home Licensing Online Orientation** - worth 3 training hours!

Go to: www.ywca.org/rockford/training-opportunities

let's get you started

ywca resources

- Attend a free informational meeting to learn more about training, licensing, and referral resources available through YWCA Child Care Solutions. Call for times and locations, and to reserve your spot: (815) 484-9442, ext. 205
- Schedule an in-home hospitality visit and consultation — goodies, resources, and advice for your child care business
- List your business in the provider referral database...free!
License-exempt, complete the enclosed application.
Licensed, call (815) 484-9442, ext. 205



training resources

Meet the DCFS **required 15 training hours** and build your child development resume through the many classes offered by YWCA Child Care Solutions, online or at locations in Boone, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties.

online trainings

- DCFS Day Care Home Licensing Online Orientation (3 training hours)
- * DCFS Mandated Reporter (2 training hours)
- * SIDS (1 training hour)
- * Shaken baby (1 training hour)

Find more online trainings: www.ywca.org/rockford/training-opportunities

* *Required for licensing*

cpr & first aid training

American Heart Association

- Heart Solutions Training Center(815) 654-9287
- SwedishAmerican Hospital.....(815) 489-6082
- Mark Asprooth(815) 624-4698

American Red Cross

- Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties..... (815) 233-0011
- Winnebago and Boone Counties.....(815) 963-8471

next steps for licensing

1. Review Licensing Standards for Day Care Homes Part 406 (http://www.state.il.us/dcfs/policy/pr_policy_rules.shtml)
2. Track your education and training online by joining the Gateways to Opportunity Registry. (www.ywca.org/rockford/ccs)
3. Call your area DCFS and request a “licensing application packet.” (Winnebago, (815) 987-7640; Boone, (815)787-5300; Jo Daviess and Stephenson, (815) 235-7878)
4. Finish mandated 15 hours of in-service training
5. Complete the DCFS “Request for Application” form and return to DCFS