

# Family Child Care

Becoming an agency approved  
Family Child Care Provider



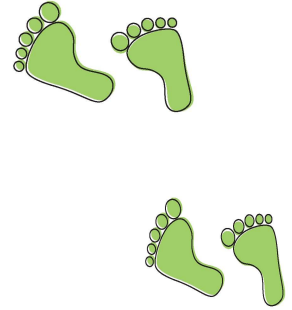
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**Family and Child Care Connections**

*promoting quality in regulated family child care*

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## Promoting quality in regulated family child care

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Interested in becoming a family child care provider??

We will provide you with support on:

- ▶ starting a family child care business in your home
- ▶ placing your name on a child care registry for parents looking for child care
- ▶ accessing an equipment grant
- ▶ using our toy /equipment lending library
- ▶ accessing playgroups, workshops and training
- ▶ meeting other self-employed family child care providers.

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**We are anxious to hear from you and we have many anxious  
parents looking for family child care!!**

*Our family child care agency is licensed and jointly funded through the  
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the CUPW Child Care  
Initiative. Become a part of our family child care agency at no cost.*

# What is a Family Child Care Agency?

- ▶ A family child care agency in Newfoundland and Labrador, is a not-for-profit organization which recruits, screens, supports and monitors family child care providers.
- ▶ A family child care agency approves family child care providers and acts as a registry for families seeking child care in these family child care homes.
- ▶ A family child care provider cares for other people's children in the provider's home. In a licensed or approved family child care home, an individual is permitted to care for up to six children.

*Family and Child Care Connection's* is a family resource centre. Our Family Child Care Agency is licensed under the Child Care Services Act, 1999. This means that we are licensed to recruit, approve, monitor and support family child care providers wishing to be affiliated with our agency.

We provide training and on-going professional development for family child care providers to promote the enhancement of quality child care.

We believe in quality child care and support each family child care provider in providing quality.

# How Important is a Child Care Provider?

A warm, committed and skilled child care provider makes a big difference to your child's early development.

## **The Child Care Provider's Contribution**

Research shows that a good child care provider is the most important element in quality child care. Providing quality child care requires substantial knowledge and practical skills. A child care provider who is trained in early learning and child care contributes effectively in shaping your child's social, physical, emotional and cognitive development.

### **A good child care provider:**

- ☺ is caring, nurturing and sensitive
- ☺ plans a daily, age-appropriate program emphasizing cooperative play, problem solving and independence
- ☺ respects all children
- ☺ helps children feel good about themselves
- ☺ gives children individual attention
- ☺ encourages children to learn through play
- ☺ guides children's behaviour positively and assists a child to cope in difficult situations
- ☺ is knowledgeable about child development and is responsive to children's needs
- ☺ develops common goals and communicates daily with parents about their child





## What is the process to become approved under the Family Child Care Agency?

Once you have an interest in becoming a regulated family child care provider, the approval process can begin. Send your application to the family child care agency and our home visitor will contact you to arrange a convenient time for you to meet. The home visitor will discuss the full process with you and will provide support throughout.

Obtaining an approval certificate will be based on the following examples: (this is not a complete list of the process but will help you know what to expect.)

- The application should reflect your interest and describe your experiences relevant to child care.
- An assessment of your home, both indoors and outdoors is made and suggestions can be made to help you accommodate the children in your child care home.
- Government Services inspection will be completed.
- The required general liability insurance coverage is secured.
- Municipal approval is granted.
- Family Child Care Training, an up to date first aid certificate , a certificate of conduct and child protection record check are in place.
- A final inspection of the family child care home is made and a recommendation for approval is submitted to the coordinator
- Upon the home visitor's recommendation, the child care provider will be granted a certificate to a maximum of 3 years. Ongoing monitoring and support will continue throughout the approval period.

# What is quality child care?

## It's a Fact

High quality child care plays a positive, long-lasting role in the overall development of all children.

## Does this child care program provide quality child care?

Whether child care is in a home or in a large group setting, it has common features such as:

- ♡ a nurturing, warm environment
- ♡ small group sizes to ensure children
- ♡ a program that is appropriate to the children's ages, and is stimulating and enjoyable.
- ♡ age appropriate toys and materials that encourage learning through play.
- ♡ inclusive of all children
- ♡ respect and appreciation for individual diversity.
- ♡ A safe and hygienic setting
- ♡ nutritious snacks and meals.

## A good relationship with parents means

- ♡ the program's child care

philosophy is clear and discussed with parents.



parents are welcome to visit the program anytime.



parents and child care providers understand their respective roles and responsibilities



parents receive daily reports about their child.



there is a willingness to listen to and act on parent's concerns.

## Child Care Providers are the key to quality

You should look for:



Well qualified, experienced child care providers.



Child care providers who relate to children with sensitivity, understanding and warmth.



Child care providers who have worked in a centre or provided care in their home for a long time so that children can form stable and secure relationship with them



Adequate compensation and working conditions to attract and keep good child care providers.

**Everyone benefits from high quality child care.**

## Family and Child Care Connections

is a family resource centre located at # 50 Pippy Place, Unit 22

Drop by and visit our Family Resource Centre Programs.

### We offer:

- Drop-in Playgroups for parents and their young children
- Parent and Child Care Provider Workshops
- Parenting Programs
- Resource/Toy/Equipment lending library
- Current information on early childhood learning and child care and other parenting topics

### Call our Family Child Care Agency for information on:

- The Family Child Care Registry
- Agency approved family child care homes
- Family Child Care Training
- How to become an agency approved family child care provider
- The benefits of becoming an agency approved family child care provider
- Child Care Provider and children's playgroups
- Using our toy/equipment /resources lending library
- Professional development opportunities
- The CUPW member child care subsidy that is available to CUPW members



**Take a step grow with us**

Our programs and services are available to all parents, community and CUPW Members at no cost

Our winter and fall playgroup schedule is\* Tues. & Thurs. for the general public - 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

\* Wed. for child care providers - 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Telephone (709)754-7090**

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