

CHILD CARE BUSINESS CHECKLIST

ARE YOU READY TO START A CHILD CARE BUSINESS?

This checklist is meant to help you think about the reasons why you want to open a family childcare business and if it is the right choice for you and your family. There are both personal and professional considerations for you to think about as you start your journey.

PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Opening a family childcare business can impact your entire family. Think through these considerations as you complete the checklist below.

1. Do you have a passion for helping children and their parents? Yes No Unsure
2. Do you enjoy being with young children and have the patience to care for them for many hours each day? Yes No Unsure
3. Do you have the necessary education and training requirements for a family childcare provider in your state? Yes No Unsure
4. Are you able to get along with multiple types of parents and children, even if their parenting style or culture is different than yours? Yes No Unsure
5. Do you have the physical and emotional strength to run a family childcare business? Yes No Unsure
6. If you have children or other people in your life that need you during childcare hours of operation, have you identified someone to care for them if they become sick or need something? Yes No Unsure
7. Do you have a positive attitude, even when things don't go your way? Yes No Unsure
8. Does your family support your decision? Yes No Unsure
9. If your children are old enough, have you talked to them about the possibility of a family childcare business in your home? Yes No Unsure
10. If you are considering using your home as the family childcare business, have you thought about which areas of your home you would use? Yes No Unsure
11. If you use your own home and have children of your own, will your children have their own space separate from the childcare program when needed? Yes No Unsure
12. If you use your own home and have your own children, do you have a space where your children's belongings, such as special toys and equipment can be stored away from the toys that belong to the childcare? Yes No Unsure

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PROFESSIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

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| 1. Are you a self-starter? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| 2. Do you have knowledge and previous experience to run a family childcare business? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| 3. Do you know where to go to for training or help in running your childcare business? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| 4. Are you comfortable working with licensing requirements and government regulations pertaining to childcare? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| 5. Do you have the time to learn the skills you need or are you willing to hire people with different skill sets that you need to have a successful family childcare business? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| 6. Are you able to plan and organize well? Think about having multiple children in your home all day and how you would plan for them. | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| 7. Are you comfortable with the potential legal, professional, and personal risks associated with starting a new business? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| 8. Have you undertaken similar responsibilities that have demonstrated that you have the drive and determination needed to make your business successful? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| 9. Do you have access to funds you may need to start your business? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |
| 10. Are you aware of the required amount of business and professional liability insurance you need for your business? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |

NEXT STEPS:

If you checked "Yes" to all the items, you are probably ready to continue exploring the next steps in starting your family childcare business!

If you checked "No" or "Not Sure" to some of the items, reach out to us at (212) 795-1600 and/or childcare@whidc.org for help.