

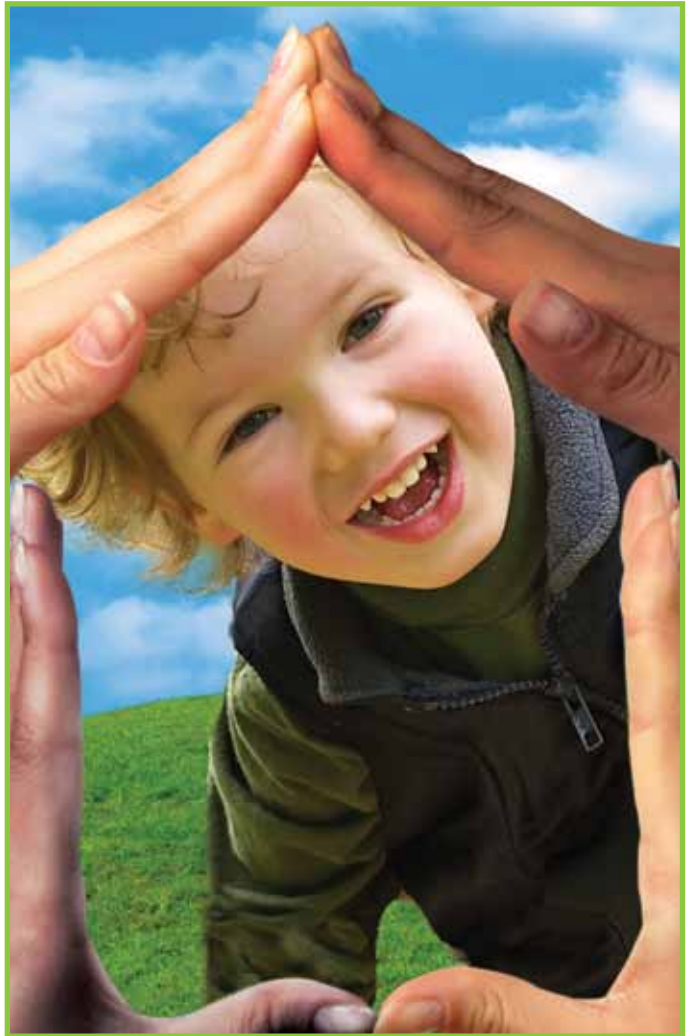
# Family Child Care is Family Friendly Care!

## What is Family Child Care?

Family Child Care is a home-based service where child care is provided in the caregiver's home. The home must be licensed or registered according to county and state laws. Family Child Care is the most preferred type of care for young children, especially infants and toddlers. Many family child care homes also provide high quality programs for preschoolers, school age, and children with special needs. Family child care is "home-away-from-home" personalized professional child care.

## What Family Child Care Offers . . .

- **Convenient Neighborhood Care**  
Close to home or work
- **Cozy Homelike Environment**  
Natural learning setting
- **One Consistent Caregiver**  
Stability all day, every day, for years...
- **Low Provider to Child Ratio**  
1:4 infants, 1:6 preschool
- **Security**  
All household adults and subs have cleared FBI, state, and local background checks and meet specific training and home safety requirements.
- **Mixed Ages in Small Groups**  
Builds leadership skills, social skills, and self-esteem; allows siblings to be cared for together
- **Flexibility**  
Days, nights, weekends and odd hour care
- **Personal Communication**  
Daily between provider & parent
- **Family Support**  
Nurtures family concepts, experiences and values
- **Inclusion**  
For a variety of special needs care
- **Caring Relationships**  
Between provider, child and parent/family
- **School Readiness Skills**  
Enrichment activities and educational learning experiences
- **VPK - Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten**  
Free pre-school education program preparing 4 year olds to enter school ready and eager to learn
- **Early Head Start**  
Free early care for birth to three year olds



## Florida Family Child Care Home Association, Inc.

FFCCHA is a statewide non-profit professional organization. Membership is open to all regulated family child care providers, parents, and advocates of quality care. We promote professional growth by hosting an annual statewide conference, quarterly meetings with training sessions and publish a newsletter, which includes a parent's page. Some of the training, conference workshops, and newsletters are also available in Spanish. We offer scholarships for NAFFC national accreditation and approved in-service training.



## Our Mission Statement

A united voice on behalf of all children to promote and encourage quality professional family child care through education, legislation, advocacy, mentoring, caring, and love.

For more information on family child care or membership, please visit our website:

[www.familychildcare.org](http://www.familychildcare.org)

