



## Program Options for Licensed Family Child Care Providers



This handout has been designed by FFCCHA to encourage providers who are licensed to participate in other programs available to them. For information on how to become a licensed provider, contact the Florida Department of Children and Families. For county contacts, use the map at: [www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/contacts](http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/contacts) For requirements visit: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/laws-and-requirements.shtml>

### Food Program

The Child Care Food Program provides reimbursement (to provider) for nutritious meals and snacks served to children in child care settings. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For more information call 850-245-4323 or view FCC handout at [www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/childrens-health/child-care-food-program](http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/childrens-health/child-care-food-program)

### NAFCC Accreditation for Florida Gold Seal

This national accreditation is offered by the National Association for Family Child Care and is renewable every three years. Components include: provider self-study, on-site observer assessment, parent evaluations as well as 90 clock hours of training during the past three years. For more information: <https://www.nafcc.org/Accreditation> or [accreditation@nafcc.org](mailto:accreditation@nafcc.org)

### Large Licensed Family Child Care Home

A specific license is required for a Large Family Child Care Home which allows the operator to care for up to 12 children with 2 adult caregivers. There are additional training requirements for the primary provider as well as the assistant. The home must be licensed for 2 years prior to applying for a large license and the provider must have CDA credential for one year prior. For more information contact: <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/docs/FamilyChildCareHomeLicensingHandbook.pdf?d=2020-7-22>

### Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)

VPK in family child care homes have a 1:6 ratio (minimum of 4 children 4 years old by September 1) The provider must have a minimum of a CDA plus a Director Credential (888-352-2842) with the VPK endorsement. The FCC provider must apply and be approved by the Early Learning Coalition for their county in order to offer the VPK program. For more information contact: 866-447-1159 or email: [VPKQuestions@oel.myflorida.com](mailto:VPKQuestions@oel.myflorida.com) or visit: <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/vpk/vpk-providers/becoming-a-vpk-provider>

### Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN)

The MCCYN program provides fee assistance for families of Active Duty Service Members who are unable to access on-post child care. For more information: Navy, Air Force, & Marines visit: <https://usa.childcareaware.org/feeassistancerespiteproviders/feeassistance/> or 800-424-2246

### Early Head Start (EHS)

Florida Early Head Start programs provide intensive and comprehensive child development and family support services to low-income families for pregnant women, infants, and toddlers. Some counties offer EHS in FCC homes. <http://www.floridaheadstart.org/early%20HS%20directory.html>  
<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii/1302-23-family-child-care-option>

### Mentor Program for Family Child Care

FFCCHA has a Mentor Program that offers training and M.E.N.T.O.R. Certification to qualifying FCC providers to offer personalized one-on-one technical assistance to their peers. M.E.N.T.O.R. stands for **M**entors, **E**ducate, **N**urture, **T**rain, **O**bserve and **R**ole Model. For more info contact: [FLmentorpgm@aol.com](mailto:FLmentorpgm@aol.com) or <https://familychildcare.org/resources/what-is-a-mentor/>

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