

Providers learn valuable business skills and are trained professional caregivers.

Home Child Care Providers Need To Be Licensed

Child care decisions are something working parents struggle with. Cluttering the decisions are issues such as quality, location, setting, not to mention affordability.



Cannon has several types of child care. One option is family child care, which offers quality, safe care by professionally trained military family members.

This program benefits parents by giving them the assurance that their children are well taken care of in a home-like atmosphere.

Family Child Care (FCC) is an adult who is age 18 or older providing care for a child or children in a home other than the child's. This care is provided on a regular basis, usually 3 to 10 hours a day, but less than 24 hours a day.

There is no problem with occasional "baby-sitting," but be aware of the difference between baby-sitting and family child care. Baby-sitting is defined by Air Force Instructions as individual care for children of other individuals on an occasional, non-recurring basis and no more than 10 hours per week in one sitter's home.

Unauthorized care in military housing. Cannon housing residents who offer child care services in their homes without the approval of the 27th Special Operations Mission Support Group Commander and Balfour Beatty are doing so without permission and could lose housing privileges.

What should parents know?

The AF FCC program was developed to help meet child care demands at Cannon. Under this program, base housing residents are given authorization to provide care for up to six children in their home. Prior to approval, applicants who

wish to provide child care in their home or on base must go through a screening process, quarterly inspection by the base fire, safety, health and other officials, obtain liability insurance and attend an initial, week-long training course.

This course includes training on CPR and first aid, child development, developmentally appropriate practices, guidance, child abuse and prevention, sudden infant death syndrome, medication and food handling. FCC providers also receive training on how to operate a small home based business. The training includes complying with Air Force and state regulations regarding licensing, business permits and complying with tax codes.

The FCC program trains military family members to offer quality care. The program offers an alternative to center-based care because the services are provided in an individual's home and involves no more than six children with a maximum of two children under the age of two.

Providers are given the continued support and training of the FCC program staff.

What should housing residents know. Look for the FCC sign and current license (shown below) to be sure that the person is an authorized family child care provider.

Residents who are unsure about whether they are offering or receiving unauthorized child care services or would like to become a Family Child Care provider please call 784-6560.

