

What is a Family Child Care Home?

A Family Child Care (FCC) Home is a housing unit in which care is provided for one or more children for more than 10 hours a week, on a regular basis

Who is qualified to operate a FCC home?

Only licensed Family Child Care providers are qualified and permitted to offer child care in government quarters. The installation commander approves licensing allowing residents to provide care. The licensee must complete mandatory training and meet all requirements of Andersen Air Force Base and the US Air Force.

Program Purpose:

*To provide quality care in a safe, nurturing environment.

Program Eligibility:

*Children of active duty and retired military members and DoD civilian personnel working on Andersen AFB are eligible.

Requirements

*Upon selecting a home, parents are required to provide authorization to receive medical treatment, daily authorization to administer prescribed medications, record of current immunizations, dual military/single parent copy of the family care plan.



*For more information stop by the
Andersen Family Child Care Office
located at
1965 A Plumeria Blvd
or call 653-4255/5448*

Family Child Care Program

Here to serve your child care needs...



Andersen AFB, Guam



Choosing a Provider

The relationship between parent(s) and Family Child Care providers play a vital role in the success of each home. Parents should feel comfortable when speaking to a potential provider about their child and sharing any concerns they may have. Parents should also make an appointment to visit the home before deciding to utilize the service. A few things to consider when selecting a Family Child Care Home are listed below.

About the provider:



*Is the provider licensed through the Andersen Family Child Care Program?

*Does the provider appear to be warm and friendly?

*Do you and the provider share the same basic ideas for discipline and the care of your child?

*Is the provider attentive? Does he/she spend time interacting with the children?

*In addition to attentive supervision, are age appropriate activities offered to the children that will promote their physical, social, cognitive & emotional development?

*Does the provider get down to the child's eye level to talk or play with him/her.

*Does the provider promote independence that is age appropriate?

*Does the provider encourage children to develop self help skills (feeding, dressing)?

*Is the provider able to deal with a child's changing moods and guide and manage them without being forceful or using physical punishment?

*Is the provider willing to allow you to visit at any time and look at all the rooms used for child care?

Questions to ask potential FCC Providers:

*How many children are being cared for and what are their ages?

*What kind of activities are done throughout the day?

*When/where do children nap or rest?

*Do they play outside?

*Who supervises outside play?

*Who takes children to the bus and picks them up?

*What time are meals/snacks?

*What kind of meals/snacks are offered?

*Who provides food?

*Who will care for children when the provider is sick?

*How long does the provider plan to provide care?

*How much advance notice is needed for non-attendance or termination?

*Is a written contract provided?

Find out about the environment

*Is the household up to your standards? *beware of homes that are too neat; more time may be devoted to housekeeping than to child care.*

*Are there safety caps in the electrical outlets?

*Is there room for your child to play alone and space for group play?

*Is there time planned each day for developmental activities (indoor/outdoor)?

*Are there six or fewer children in the home at any given time (including provider's own children under the age of 6)?

*Are age appropriate toys available?

*Is appropriate equipment provided i.e.; highchair, crib etc.?



Final Checklist:

1. Make an appointment to visit potential provider's home.
2. Discuss what you expect of the provider.
3. Discuss discipline techniques.
4. View provider's daily activities.
5. Complete all paperwork prior to child's first day in the home.

