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Child Day Care Centers: Resources for Starting and Operating a Child Day Care Center

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Summary

In response to many requests for information on how to start and operate a child day care center, the following has been compiled, including references to printed “how to” materials and to organizations with an interest in child care, which may be sources of further assistance. Internet addresses are given where available. State and local governments may also be consulted for information or regulations relating to the establishment of child day care centers in their jurisdictions. This report will be updated as warranted.

Printed Sources

The publications cited here may be available for use at a local library. Books can be purchased or ordered at a local bookstore; cost information can be obtained from the publishers or from the bookstore. Online addresses are provided when available.

ABCs of Starting A Family Child Care Business. 1996. Pamphlet.
Children’s Foundation
725 15th Street, N.W., Suite 505
Washington, D.C. 20005
Tel: (202) 347-3300
E-mail: cfwashdc@aol.com

Guide for Establishing & Operating Day Care Centers for Young Children. 1992.
Child Welfare League of America, Inc.
440 First Street, N.W., 3rd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001
Tel: (202) 638-2952
[<http://www.cwla.org>]

How to Plan and Start a Good Early Childhood Program. 1998. Brochure.
National Association for the Education of Young Children
1509 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
Tel: (202) 232-8777, (800) 424-2460
[<http://www.naeyc.org/>]

Lynn, Jacquelyn. *Entrepreneur Magazine's How to Start a Childcare Service: A Step-by-Step Guide to Success.* 2001.
Entrepreneur Media Fulfillment
P.O. Box 432
Newbergh, NY 12551-0432
Tel: (949) 261-2325, (800) 421-2300
[<http://www.smallbizbooks.com>]

Steelsmith, Shari. *How to Start a Home-Based Day-Care Business.* 3rd ed. 2001.
Globe Pequot Press
246 Goose Lane
P.O. Box 480
Guilford, CT 06437
Tel: (203) 458-4500, (888) 249-7586
[<http://www.globe-pequot.com>]

Associations

In addition to the three associations listed under “Printed Sources” above, the following associations have a primary interest in the issue of child care and are included as sources of further information. Contact information is provided.

Center for the Child Care Workforce
733 15th Street, N.W., Suite 1037
Washington, D.C. 20011
Tel: (202) 737-7700
[<http://www.ccw.org>]

Children's Defense Fund
25 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001
Tel: (202) 628-8787
[<http://www.childrensdefense.org>]

National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRRA)
1319 F Street, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20004
Tel: (202) 393-5501
[<http://www.naccrra.org>]

National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)

5202 Pinemont Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84123
Tel: (801) 269-9338
[<http://www.nafcc.org>]

Licensing Information

“Individual States’ Child Care Licensure Regulations” for all states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands from the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care (NRC) appear online at the following Web site: [<http://nrc.uchsc.edu/states.html>]. The NRC is located at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver, Colorado, and is funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Additional Reference Source

Small Business Sourcebook: The Entrepreneur’s Resource. 16th ed. Farmington Hills, MI, Gale Group, 2002.

For relevant child care and business books, organizations, online resources, videocassettes, audio cassettes, etc., this item may be of interest. It is available for consultation at many libraries.