

1. Are there funds available to help me start my child care program?
 - At this time, we are not aware of any start-up grants for licensed family child care providers. We do notify providers who are included in our database when we receive information about grants or other opportunities that may benefit them.
 2. Do I have to check with my local zoning commission before opening my licensed child care home?
 - Yes, you should check your local zoning requirements. You should also refer to any neighborhood covenants. If you are renting, your landlord should be consulted prior to starting your application.
 3. How long will it take to get my license?
 - It depends on how long it takes you to complete the licensing application and request for an inspection. You can expect to receive your license or notification of denial within 60 days of the licensing consultant's receipt of your completed application.
 4. What is a Class II license?
 - A Class II licensed child care home is a home that has met more extensive requirements than a Class I child care home (ask your licensing consultant for details). One year of experience is required before a provider is able to apply for a Class II child care home license. Up to 16 children may be cared for in a Class II licensed child care home.
 5. Where can I go for CPR, drug testing, etc.?
 - Refer to the county-specific resource sheet.
 6. How much should I charge for child care services?
 - What you charge for services should be based upon your projected income, expenses, and services. However, to see current rates in your area contact our agency and ask for a market-rate analysis.
 7. What is the CDA credential?
 - CDA stands for Child Development Associate. The credential is awarded to child care providers to show that they are able to meet specific needs of children and that they work with parents and other adults to nurture children's growth and development. The process involves course work, field experiences, portfolio development, and an assessment. There is financial assistance available for persons who qualify.
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8. What is the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA scholarship?
 - The T.E.A.C.H. scholarship covers partial costs to help with college tuition, books, and travel for people working in a variety of child care settings. For more information, call the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children at 800-657-7577 or visit their website www.iaeyc.org

9. How do I find out about upcoming trainings?
 - Contact our agency. We will provide you with information about trainings and other resources.
 - *The Early Childhood Meeting Place* is an online gateway to information, services, and resources for Indiana's early childhood professionals and families of young children. <http://www.earlychildhoodmeetingplace.org>
 - A statewide training calendar is available at www.iaccrr.org

10. How can I increase enrollment in my licensed child care home once I become licensed?
 - Join Paths to QUALITY, Indiana's child care quality rating and improvement system.
 - Complete the intake form for your licensed child care home's services. That form can be obtained through our agency, and we can begin to include you in the referrals we make to families.
 - Other benefits of participation in our database include:
 - Free marketing
 - Information that can help your business succeed
 - Notification of grant opportunities when available
 - Access to our lending library

