

Orientation I- Overview for participants who are interested in starting the business of child care

This two hour child care start-up workshop provides an overview for participants who are interested in starting the business of child care in a home, center or ministry setting, and is the first part of a two-part series. It covers regulatory requirements, resources, and some information on health, safety, and business practices. It serves to help participants with the decision making process for choosing which type of care they would like to provide.

Workshop Outline:

- Basics of Child Care Programs (Defining Child Care)
- Federal and State Laws Impacting Child Care
- Health and Safety in Child Care
- Technical Assistance, Education and Professional Development
- Services for Families
- Connecting with Business Resources

The goal of this training is to:

- Provide enough information for a potential caregiver to make a decision about what direction to pursue in the child care field.
- To know where to go next to reach their goal of licensure, registration or other type of care.

As a result of this training potential caregivers will:

- Have a better understanding of differences in regulation requirements for Homes, Centers and Ministries
- Have a better understanding of difference between being in compliance with Minimum Health and Safety Provider Eligibility Standards, and Licensing/ Registration requirements
- Understand definition of providing legal care in Indiana
- Understand where to go next to complete licensing processes for Centers, Homes and Ministries
- Have a better understanding of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Understand where to find resources for children with disabilities
- Understand that Paths to QUALITY™ is a free program to raise the quality in their environment
- Have a better understanding of Indiana's Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Requirement
- Understand where to find additional basic health and safety information
- Have a better understanding of basic safe sleeping practices for infants- and articulate that babies sleep safest on their backs
- Understand where to find technical assistance and education resources
- Understand where to find business information and resources for operating a child care program
- Have a better understanding of the expenses related to starting a child care program