

Cheat Sheet for the “Daycare Success Secrets” Call

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How to Determine Your State’s Rules & Requirements:

Go to <http://nccic.org/statedata/statepro/index.html>

Click on your state

Scroll down to Licensing Requirements

Note Contact Information & other great info on this page

Step 1: understand your state’s rules & determine if you can make enough money within their guidelines. For example, if you have 2 of your own children, and can only take 4 paying children, can you charge enough per child to make the income you require?

Step 2: contact your state child care office & talk to them about how to get started. Is there anything special about your situation? For example, if you’re in an apartment, can you still do daycare, or do you need to be able to access a fenced outdoor play area directly from your facility? If you have a dog, does your state have rules about pets?

Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential

Requires 120 hours of classroom/online training plus 480 hours of hands-on child care experience

To keep your CDA up-to-date, you must take 120 hours of training every year for renewal

www.cdacouncil.org - gives information & history on CDA

www.childcarelounge.com - provides online training for CDA with credits that apply for most states’ requirements

Writing Your Business Plan

Three Reasons Why It’s Important:

- 1) Mindset
- 2) Framework for success
- 3) Helps you obtain financing / loans

Websites that offer child care business plan templates:

www.daycarehotline.com/products.htm

www.smallbusinesspoint.com

www.bplans.com