

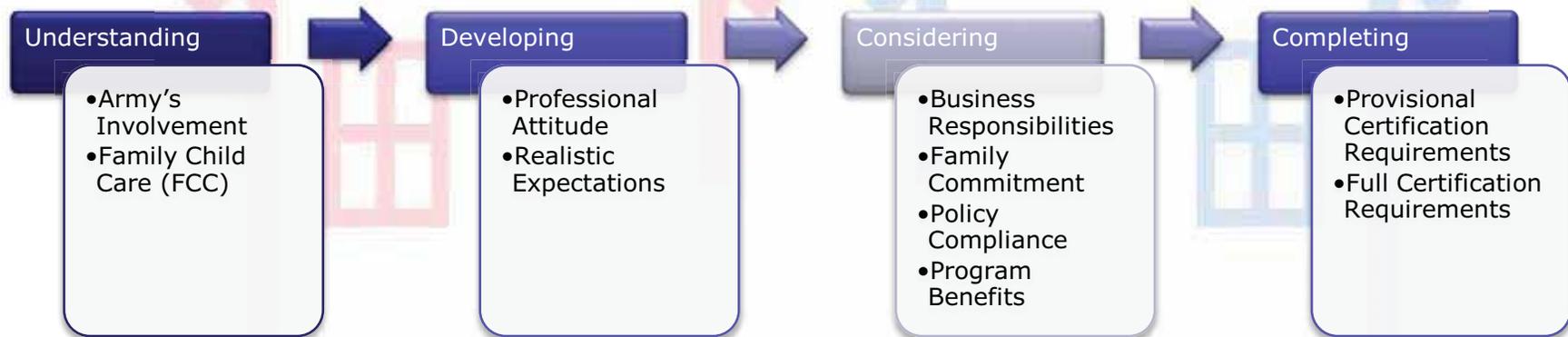


On the Road to Becoming an Army Certified Family Child Care (FCC) Provider!



Your child's "home away from home"

The FCC certification process involves:



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Why is the Army involved, anyway?

Quality child care affects

- **Mission Readiness**
- **Retention**

Understanding

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What is FCC?

Private business providing child care in Army quarters to military families.

Understanding

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Who needs to be certified?

Certification is
required if you are:

- Living in Government housing AND
- Caring for unrelated children AND
- Providing ten or more child care hours a week on a *regular basis*

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Why do you
want to join
the FCC
Program?



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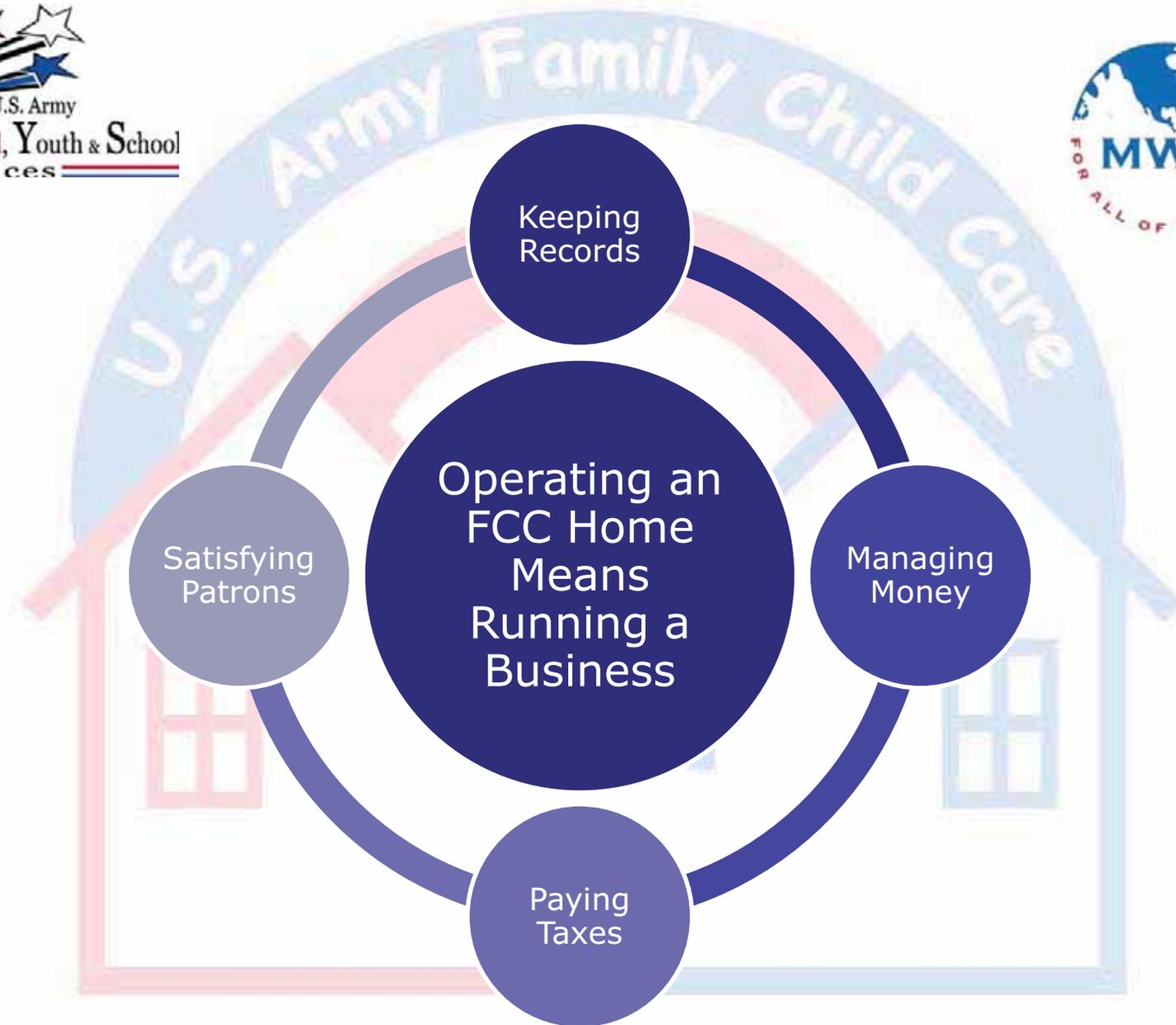
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Operating a Family Child Care Home Means...

You will provide child care like that offered in the child development center (CDC)



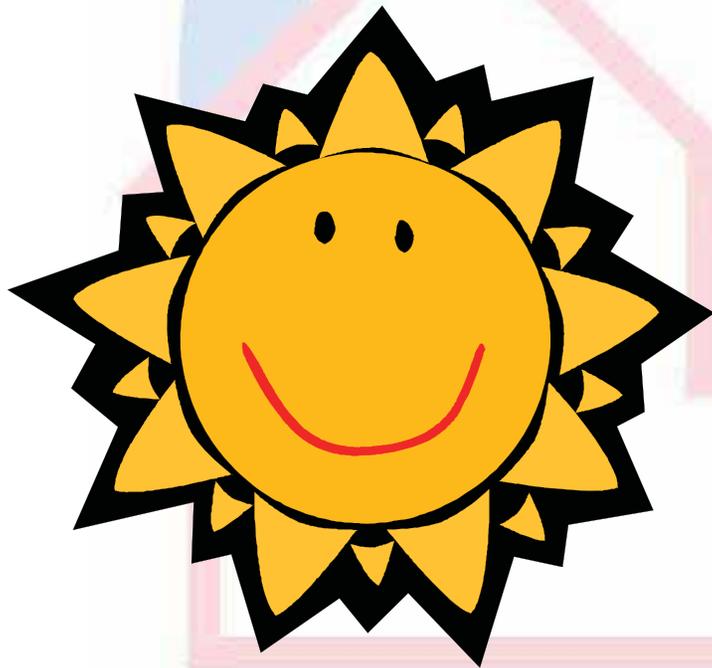
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It Also Means...



Caring and making a
commitment to the
children, their
parents, and your
business!

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FCC Also requires complying with policies such as:

- Caring for a limited number of children at one time.
- Ensuring that parents complete registration paperwork.
- Using Positive Guidance.
- Dispensing medicine according to guidelines.
 - Limiting the use of television.
 - Planning developmental activities.
 - Reporting child abuse.
- Maintaining satisfactory background clearances.
 - Never leaving children unattended.



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Home Ratios/Group Size

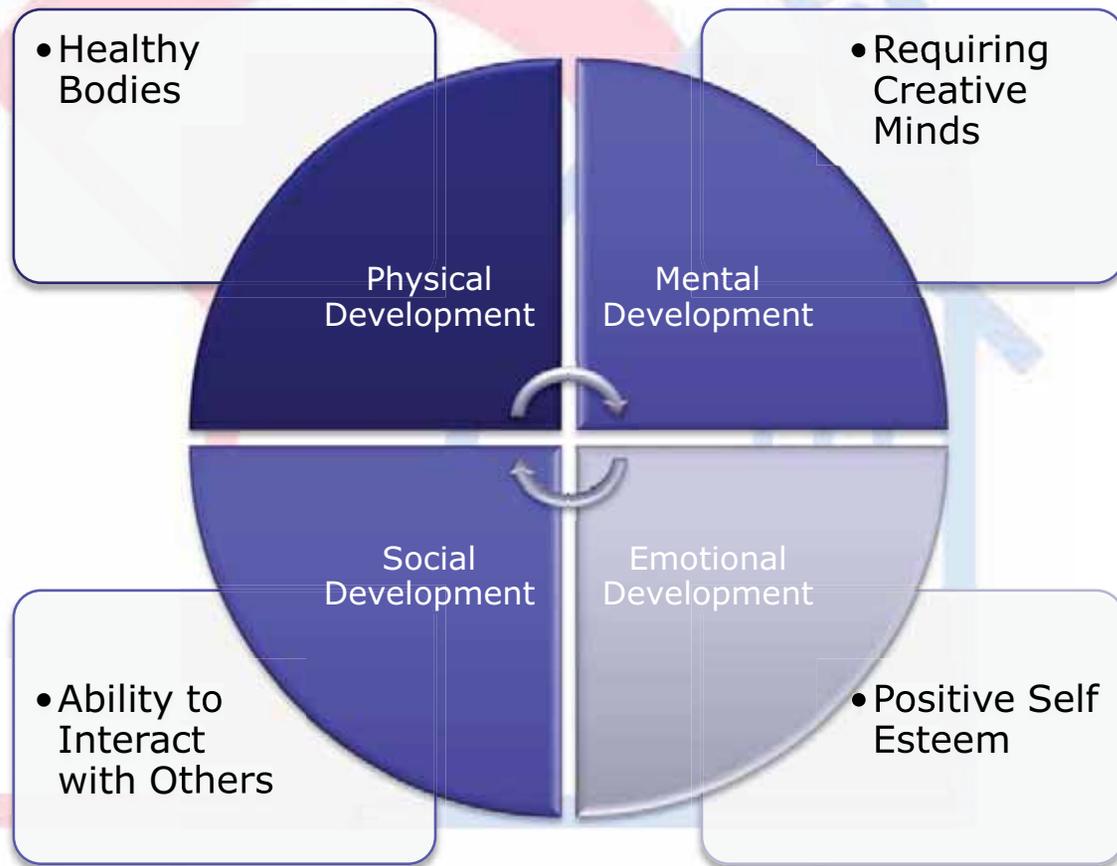
Home Type	Age Group	Adult/ Child Ratio
Multi-Age	4 weeks – 12 years	1:6
Infant/Toddler	4 weeks – 2 years	1:3
School Age	5 years – 12 years	1:8

- ❖ Provider's children under 8 count in all ratios
- ❖ Multi-Age home only two children can be under two years

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Developmental Child Care

Responds
to
children's
needs as
they grow
and
develop

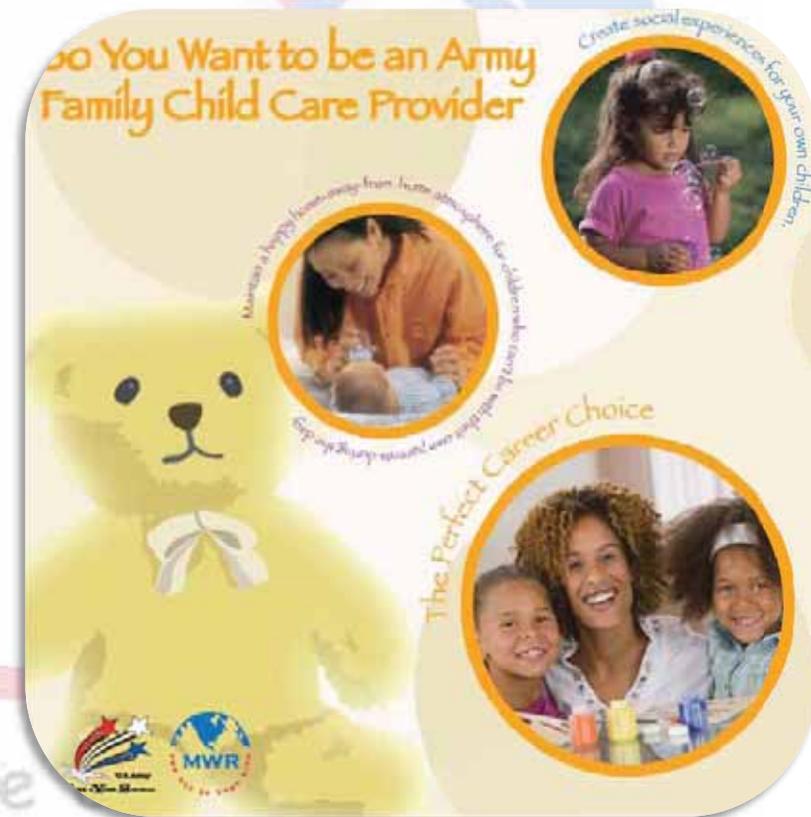


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Things you should consider about the commitment from you and your family...

- Your reasons
- Your family's feelings
- Your professional commitment
- Your ability to speak English
- Your responsibility to interact with the child
- Your health and ability to provide child care
- Your home
 - Is it safe?
 - Is it child appropriate
 - Is there enough space?

Your child's "home"



Benefits to you

- Career options
- Training
- Resources
- Improved parenting skills
- Flexibility
- Self esteem
- Income/Subsidy
- Liability Insurance
- Mobility

Your child's "home of choice"





Three steps to Certification!



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Registration

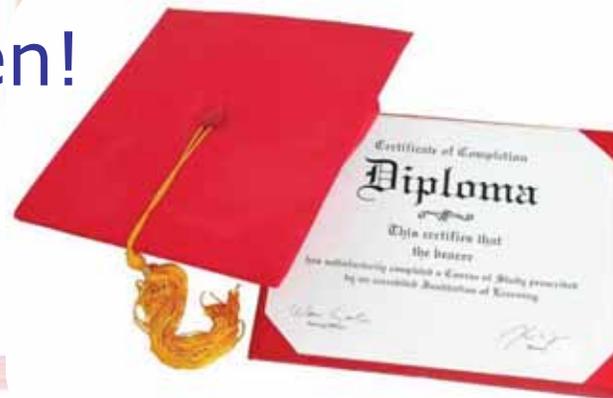
- FCC Orientation
- Application and Background Check
- Packet #2
 - Health Assessment
 - References called
 - Home Interview scheduled
- Block Training
 - 40 initial training
 - Complete all required paperwork
- Home Inspections
 - Fire Marshal
 - Garrison Safety Officer
 - Community Health Nurse
 - Final Inspection
- Provisional Certificate!



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Provisional Certification

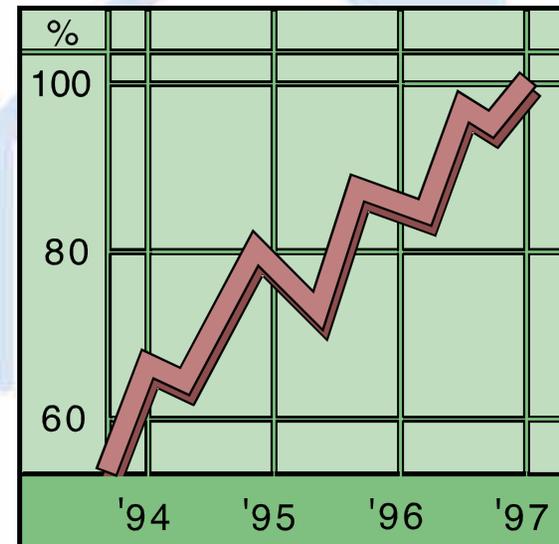
- RIMP
- Certification and Rainbow
- Home is now open!
- Referrals
- Home Visits
- Training
- FCCERS
- CARAT
- Certificate!



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Annual Renewals

- RIMP
- Training
- Updates
- FCCERS
- CARAT (3 years)
- Eligible for special endorsements



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The Decision is Yours!

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