

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO CHILDRENS LIVES IN FINNEY AND KEARNY COUNTY

YOUR DECISION TO BECOME A CHILD CARE PROVIDER WILL NOT ONLY AFFECT YOU, BUT ALSO THE FUTURE OF EVERY CHILD THAT YOU COME INTO CONTACT WITH AND EVERY FAMILY THAT YOU PROVIDE SERVICES FOR.

CHILD CARE IS A BIG RESPONSIBILITY AND PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING EXPERIENCES YOU CAN POSSIBLY ENCOUNTER.

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CHILD CARE LICENSING

Finney County Health Department along with Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) can assist you in beginning your own business of Child Care.

CHILD CARE ATMOSPHERE

Business Oriented-Offering services for a fee-preparation time required. Provider/Customer contract often facilitate clear expectations.

Personal Oriented-developing a schedule and plan that allows you to do the type of care that is in the best interest of children but also allows you the time and energy you need to maintain your well being.

Home Oriented-providing a safe, healthy and nurturing setting. A home business effects all members of the household.

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LICENSED DAY CARE HOME OR GROUP DAY CARE HOME

Compliance with safety and health standards within the home is determined by 1. self-evaluation, and 2. Evaluation of safety and health standards by a child care surveyor. Licensed Day Care Homes may have a maximum of 10 children, infancy to age 16 with a limited number of children under kindergarten age. This number includes the provider's own children under 11 years of age. Group Day Care Home may have a maximum of 12 children with a second adult present. The provider receives a self-evaluation checklist that may be used to help the provider meet and maintain compliance with laws and regulations. A licensing inspection is conducted at least once every 12 months Must allow parents access during business hours.

REGISTERED DAY CARE HOME

The child care provider must evaluate safety and health standards within his/her own home. Signed statement attesting to these conditions must be submitted for registration. Registered Day Care Homes may have a maximum of 6 children in the home at any one time. This total includes children birth to 16 and the provider's own children under age 12. Three of the 6 children may be under 18 months of age. A self-safety evaluation form is part of the registration application and must be in compliance before a certificate can be issued. No registration inspection is made by a child care facility surveyor, unless there is a request by the applicant or there is a complaint. Providers are required by law to allow parents access to the day care home during hours of operation.

KBI/SRS CHILD ABUSE REGISTRY

Complete information to conduct background checks on each person over 10 years of age living, working, substituting, and /or regularly volunteering in the home is to be submitted at the time of application, and application renewal. The same information is to be submitted to KDHE within one week for any new person in the home. Screening is done by KBI for criminal history and by SRS for child abuse and/or neglect.

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