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New Jersey Child Care Fact Sheet #2

The Facts About Family Child Care Regulation In New Jersey

Did You Know?

Family Child Care is a valuable child care resource for families in New Jersey. Currently:

- Family child care registration is voluntary. Family child care providers are encouraged, but not required, to register with regulatory agencies. There are more than 1,200 registered family child care homes in New Jersey serving more than 6,000 children statewide.
- To become a registered family child care provider, providers must have a background check, become certified in CPR, complete 18 hours of pre-service training (in topics including health and safety and child development), and commit to 8 hours of annual training.
- Registered family child care providers can serve up to five children in their home. A registration certificate is good for 3 years before it needs to be renewed for providers who want to stay in business.
- Registered family child care homes are inspected at least once per year. Inspection reports are posted on line.

What You Can Do To Be In The Know:

To learn more about what you can do to help support Family Child Care homes in New Jersey:

- Visit the Child Care Aware of New Jersey website (www.ccanj.org) to learn more about family child care statewide or to contact your local Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agency.
- Become a friend of CCANJ on Facebook and follow us on Twitter;
- Send frequent messages via email, regular mail, or by phone to elected officials to support family child care providers in your neighborhood.
- Visit with your representatives to discuss child care issues and concerns and urge them to support key legislation;
- Testify before legislative and budget committees;
- Participate in Town Hall meetings;
- Write letters to the editor on issues related to child care to get more people informed and involved; and
- Talk to family child care providers to ask what they need to ensure that they can offer an environment to promote the healthy development of young children!