

Welcome to Building Blocks Family Child Care. The purpose of this handbook is to outline the policies and procedures under which I operate as a licensed family childcare provider.

The children in my care are given daily opportunities to learn in a mixed age group where they can feel safe, loved, and secure. They receive consistent care by the same providers day in and day out. Your child will receive quality, personalized care while having opportunities to gain practice in language, fine motor, gross motor, self-help, and pre-school skills.

Your questions and comments are important to me, and assure that together we can achieve the very best quality of care for your child. Please read this handbook carefully, and write down any questions you may have before signing your childcare contract. It is very important that you feel understand and can agree to the policies set forth in the daycare handbook in order for us to have a wonderful working relationship for your child. You may call me at home any time. I am always here and willing to answer questions and lend support in any way I can.

When searching for the best childcare for your family, there are many questions you need to ask yourself. There are different types of childcare, and some may meet your needs better than others. Since I have had 20 plus years of experience in the family childcare field, I am naturally biased to this type of care, but family childcare does not meet the needs of every family. One of the main questions you need to address is the issue of back up childcare. Your family childcare provider may have times they will need to be closed and you will need care. Will those times pose a hardship for your family? If so, then perhaps center care will best meet your family's needs. Family childcare is a wonderful experience for most children and their families. In my experience, the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages. Your child will have a consistent caregiver, and you will always know who will be there when you walk through the door in the morning. Your child will be part of a small, intimate group of children, which generally does not have as much turn over as center care. Your child will be able to bond with your caregiver's family, thus enhancing the quality of childcare. Illness is generally less of a problem in family childcare, as there are not as many different families coming and going. The children tend to develop a high tolerance for one another's 'germs', just as in your family. All in all, family childcare, when done well, can be a nurturing, wonderful experience for everyone involved. We look forward to the opportunity to serve your family.

Thank You,
Nancy L. Clark
Building Blocks Daycare