

## FAMILY DAY CARE SELF-EVALUATION

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**DIRECTIONS:** Think about each trait and how you would rate yourself on it. Then put an X at the place on the line that shows how much you feel you have that trait. For example, if you strongly agree, put an X on the far left. Put your X on the far right if you strongly disagree.

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AGREE AGREE DISAGREE DISAGREE

1. I enjoy children very much, and think I could work well with them hour after hour.

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2. I am a flexible person who can usually figure a way out of any problem.

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3. I have good common sense, and handle emergencies well.

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4. I am generally warm and affectionate.

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5. I am fairly organized, and able to keep financial records.

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6. I do not mind my house being messy sometimes. I can put the children's needs before my housework.

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7. I am willing to rearrange the furniture in some rooms of my house to accommodate toys and play equipment.

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8. I tend to take life lightly, and have a good sense of humor.

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9. I usually appreciate my own accomplishments, even if others do not.

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10. I am in good health and have lots of energy.

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11. A home child care program is acceptable to each member of my family.

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12. I would enjoy talking to parents about their children and our day together.

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13. I usually speak up when I have a problem with someone.

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14. I accept children as they are, and feel a deep commitment to them and their parents.

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15. I am able to guide and discipline children kindly and effectively.

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16. I expect to offer family day care for at least 2 years, and I will be able to arrange substitute care when needed.

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17. I can handle financially difficult times, or I have financial security to fall back on for a few months while I get started.

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**HOW TO EVALUATE YOUR RESPONSES:** If nearly all of your Xs are on the left side of the page (under agree), then you will probably find family day care a very satisfying job. If, on the other hand, many of your Xs are on the right side of the page, you may find that this is not the right job for you. If you have a few *disagrees*, but they are not strong ones, then you might decide that you can make special efforts in those areas.