

Smart Start of Davidson County

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Dear Potential Family Child Care Provider,

Please contact our office for information about operating a family child care program. We hope that the information provided on this site will be helpful. This is an exciting time to be in the early education field. Early education is being recognized as an essential time in children's lives. Caring for young children is not "babysitting" but an essential time to learn new skills and information that will be built on for many years to come.

Smart Start of Davidson county is here to help you offer a quality child care program for the children and families you may serve. Some of the services we offer to child care programs are:

- ◆ Support and assistance from knowledgeable staff
- ◆ Grants to help purchase materials
- ◆ Financial stipends for 4 and 5 star programs
- ◆ Resource Lending Library
- ◆ Fingerprinting (for licensing)
- ◆ Referral Database - help fill vacancies by being listed for parents seeking child care
- ◆ Trainings (ex. CPR/First Aid, Fire Safety, activity planning, discipline, room arrangement, etc.)

Please note: Family Child Care Programs are licensed and regulated by the Division of Child Development, as well as by zoning and/or fire regulations at the local level. It is very important that you contact the zoning and/or Fire Marshall's office (if applicable) to find out about specific steps you need to take before being licensed. These contacts are provided in our start-up packet.

I look forward to hearing from you. You can contact me at (336) 249-6688 or email at ginac@partnershipforchildren

Sincerely,
Gina Collins
Family Child Care Specialist