

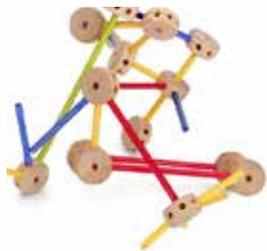


Parents across North Dakota need quality child care. This is your opportunity to start your own business and help families in your community.

Child care is a rewarding profession for people who love children. There are many things to consider before you decide to open a child care business. Successful child care providers incorporate quality care with good business practices.

North Dakota has a number of resources that can help get your child care business started. This includes everything from one-to-one consultations and training to business services and loan options.

Whether you are interested in starting a home-based or center-based child care program, the resources listed in this brochure can help you navigate the process.



A license is required whenever early childhood services are provided for more than 5 children. (This number includes the provider's children.)

For information on licensing, contact your county social service office or the North Dakota Department of Human Services:



www.ND.gov/DHS
701-328-2316

For information on child care grants or financing options, contact the North Dakota Department of Commerce:



www.NDCommerce.com
701-328-5300

Start a Licensed Child Care Business





The **Small Business Administration** (SBA) has tools that can help you find specific funding to develop a child care program. Assistance can range from start-up costs to general business improvements. Common SBA loan programs include:

- 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program: Used for general business purposes.
- Certified Development Company 504 Loan Programs: Used for land/building/equipment and would work best for child care centers to acquire, build or renovate a facility.
- Microloan Program: up to \$50,000 loans offered directly through a SBA office.

SBA offices are located in:

Fargo 701-239-5131
 Bismarck 701-328-5850
 Grand Forks 701-746-5160



www.SBA.gov

Child Care Aware® of North Dakota offers training and consultation on business, health and safety, and child development to help child care providers get started in the industry and maintain a successful, high-quality child care program. From setting up a business plan to planning learning activities, Child Care Aware of ND is your resource to start and grow a successful child care business.



www.NDChildCare.org

Regional office located in:
 Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks,
 Jamestown, and Minot.

Small Business Development Centers

can assist you in starting a child care business with confidential consultations that will organize your financial information in a format to use when applying for funding through banks, lending programs and grant applications. Consultations are at no cost to you.



www.NDSBDC.org
www.childcarend.com

The **Center for Technology and Business** helps small business owners succeed through training, technology and business development. Their programming develops leaders and women business owners. Services they provide include:

- Free, confidential business counseling services on all aspects of business development from start-up and growth to selling or closing a business.
- Online training courses through: www.ed2go.com/ndwbc/
- In-person business training on a variety of topics including marketing, leadership and technology.



www.TrainingND.com