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How to become a DES Certified
Family Child Care Provider

Arizona currently needs more child care providers to support the early years in a child's development.

As a family child care provider certified by the Department of Economic Security (DES), you can help by caring for up to four children in your home. You'll make a difference in your community while providing a nurturing environment where children can thrive.

DES Certified Family Child Care Provider benefits:

- Own & operate a small business
- Work from the comfort of your own home
- Care for your own children at the same time (when within ratio)
- Provide parents with peace of mind while they work
- Have your business listed on the CCR&R website
- Care for children authorized for child care assistance

How to become a DES Certified Family Child Care Provider

If you're interested in becoming a provider, visit azchildcare.org to learn about the eligibility requirements and submit an application.

Once your application is complete, a DES Certification team member will reach out to support you through the certification process.

Once you have completed your certification requirements, you will be able to start your business as a DES Certified Family Child Care Provider.



Certified Family Child Care Provider FAQs

What are the benefits of being a Certified provider? When you are certified by the Department of Economic Security, you will receive training and resources to support you and your child care business.

I have children of my own. Do they count toward the number of children I can care for? Yes. Children in the home under the age of 13 will count in the child care ratio.

How do I know if I'm qualified? You can visit azchildcare.org for all eligibility requirements, and here are a few key requirements: must be 18 years of age or older, complete a comprehensive background check, provide current immunization records, share three professional or personal references and provide a safe, healthy, child-friendly home.