

Starting a Child Care: How Much Will It Cost?

Like any small business, starting a family child care program has some basic start up costs. Here is a break out, based on the size of your program.

APPROVED PROGRAM <i>(Up to 5 total children, including your own)</i>	
Interested Persons Reports	\$20 *each person 16+ in household
Fingerprint Fee	\$30
Application to Background Check Unit	\$25
Disaster Preparedness Kit	\$100 - \$300 *depending upon contents
Fire Extinguisher (must be refillable)	\$60 *one for each floor
Pediatric CPR and First Aid Training	\$82 *for both classes
First Aid Kits	\$50 *for home and travel kits
Fire Safety Supplies	\$50 *smoke & carbon monoxide detectors
Toys, equipment, supplies	\$200+ *try garage sales and friends!
Any changes to your home	varies
Approval start up estimates	\$817 minimum
LICENSED PROGRAM <i>(Up to 8 children at any time)</i>	All of the above plus:
Fire Marshall Inspection Fee	\$50
Business License	\$200 *good for 2 years
Toys, equipment, supplies	\$200 *for additional children
Any safety improvements for your home to meet licensing standards	varies
Family child care license estimates	\$1267
GROUP HOME <i>(Up 12 children at any time with 2 adults present)</i>	All the above costs plus:
City Zoning Use Permit	\$450.00 *\$150.00 of which is a returnable deposit. Check with your city office.

Please note that all of the costs mentioned here are estimates. Some will be higher or lower, depending upon a person's family situation and the local availability of supplies.

We encourage you to contact the agency you are working with for more detailed information about the requirements for approval or licensing.

Approval: Catholic Community Services 463-6184 or toll free 1-800-505-6124

Licensing: Child Care Licensing Office 465-4756 or toll free 1-888-268-4632