

EXPANDED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

The Minot AFB Family Child Care program participates in several Expanded Child Care programs. These are designed to assist families with special child care needs.

SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CARE (SCC)

The SCC program is designed to augment a member's existing child care by providing care during official duty hours at the beginning/end of a 12+ consecutive hour shift that falls "outside of" the primary child care arrangement for children 6 weeks to 12 years of age

EXTENDED DUTY CARE PROGRAM (EDC)

EDC provides contract family child care to parents who have unexpected shift changes, such as, working late, work on weekends or other child care emergencies at no additional cost to the parent.

EXTENDED DUTY CHILD CARE FOR RETURNING MEMBERS

Program offered in EDC homes to provide support to members returning from overseas OEF deployments. Other deployments over 30 days may be considered. All active duty, ANG, and AFR are eligible for the program. Provides up to 16 hours of free care per child within 6 months of returning home.

HOME COMMUNITY CARE

The Home Community Care (HCC) program is designed to provide free care for ANG/AFR members during their scheduled UTA (drill) weekend.

MISSILE CARE

Program provides overnight and weekend care for members assigned to missile sites. Only eligible if the child uses regular child care during the day. The program is at no additional cost to the parents; parents only pay for regular child care.

SUBSIDY PROGRAM

An Air Force central contractor will place selected family child care providers under contract to reduce the cost of some types of child care. Parents of full-time care children up to age 3, special needs, and swing/midnight shift care are all eligible to receive subsidy. Parents will pay what they would pay if they were able to use an Air Force Child Development Center. Spaces will not be subsidized if care is available in CDC. Part-time spaces will not be funded.

AFFILIATION OF OFF BASE HOMES

Affiliated Providers offer care off base and have the same opportunities for training, the use of the Resource Center, etc. that are provided to licensed providers if they are willing to provide care for at least one child eligible to be served by on-base FCC.

The FCC staff will conduct all of the required inspections of affiliated homes. Individuals who are spouses of active duty members or retired military members may be licensed as affiliate providers. Affiliated providers are required to be licensed by the local authorities and must meet the same qualifications for becoming licensed on base.

HOURS & FEES

Hours of operations and fees charged by each Family Child Care provider are a matter of private negotiation between the provider and the parents, unless the provider is subsidized.

WITHOUT A LICENSE

An unlicensed provider may care for children a total of 10 hours per week. Care in excess of this amount must be provided by a licensed Family Child Care provider. When an unlicensed provider fails to obtain a license, the Mission Support Group Commander will be informed that the individual is operating an FCC home in base quarters in violation of Air Force policy. This could result in losing base quarters privileges.

Family Child Care Office
201 Missile Avenue
Minot AFB, ND
723-6662

Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 0800-1700

Parent Assistance

Monday through Friday: 1100-1200
or by appointment



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FAMILY CHILD CARE PROGRAM



family child care
Air Force Services
A Home Away From Home

WELCOME

Welcome to the Minot Air Force Base Family Child Care Program. The program offers an alternative for child care to families who want their children to respond better in a less structured and home-like environment. Providers are able to accommodate various work schedules of parents by offering not only full-time day care, but part-time care, drop-in-services, weekend, and evening care.

Our primary goal is to support the military mission by providing quality care in a safe and stimulating environment.

These homes are licensed by the 5th Mission Support Group Commander in coordination with health, fire, and safety agencies and are monitored by the Family Child Care Coordinator.

The Family Child Care Program is governed by AFI 34-276, Air Force Inspection Checklist, DODI 60602, and local operating instructions. Operating a Family Child Care home in government quarters is a privilege, which at the discretion of the 5th Mission Support Group Commander, can be denied or terminated.

Providers receive training in child development; nutrition; positive guidance techniques; prevention, identification and reporting of child abuse; CPR; first aid; foodhandlers; health and safety before obtaining their license, as well as continued on-going training.

WHAT IS FAMILY CHILD CARE?

Family Child Care is care of children in government quarters for 10 hours or more per week. Providers care for no more than six children, including the provider's own children, under the age of eight, at any one time.

BENEFITS OF USING FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

1. FCC offers in-home care for children ages two weeks to 12 years.
2. Providers will interact with your child with affection and respect. They will also encourage your child's development.
3. Children benefit from a stimulating in-home environment that will provide them with nurturing

ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

Children ages two weeks through 12 years, of any active duty or retired military member, DOD civilian employed or supported by Minot AFB, and contractors are eligible for care under the FCC program. The Family Child Care program accepts children with chronic health problems, including HIV-positive children, for care, employs persons and approves as FCC providers, individuals with chronic health problems, including HIV-positive individuals.

TIPS IN SELECTING A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME

1. Start interviewing in advance of need.
2. Visit more than one home.
3. Ask for references and check references carefully.
 4. Check license.
 5. Ask about back-up care, fee policies, food program, and program activities.
 6. Let the provider interact with your children.
 7. Ask provider how he/she would respond in hypothetical situations.
 8. Ask very specific questions about the provider's discipline techniques.
 9. Clarify your expectations.
 10. Ask about the flexibility of the provider's hours.
 11. Look for evidence of good hygiene, sanitary conditions, and health requirements.
 12. Don't feel pressured to say yes or no on the spot.
 13. Check for age-appropriate materials and activities.
 14. You should feel comfortable with the provider. If you don't, he/she may not be the provider for you.

WHO MAY OPERATE A FCC HOME

Persons who want to operate a Family Child Care home must be at least 18 years of age, meet Air Force and local requirements, and complete required training before offering care to children.

To continue to provide care, providers must be able and willing to undergo 24 hours of training annually, have a clear understanding of children's needs, demonstrate the ability to work with children, and provide a safe and healthy environment with age appropriate materials and activities.

10 STEPS TO BECOMING A LICENSED FCC HOME

1. Complete an Air Force Form 1928, Family Child Care application.
2. Records screening approved by Security Forces, Mental Health, Family Advocacy, Housing, and OSI.
3. An interview with all family members.
4. Complete Family Child Care Orientation training.
5. Obtain a valid Health Card and Foodhandler's certificate.
6. Complete First Aid and CPR.
7. Pass home inspections by Fire, Safety, Military Public Health, and Family Child Care.
8. Fulfill minimum liability insurance requirements.
9. Family Child Care Panel reviews and selects those best qualified to become providers and forwards recommendations to the 5th Mission Support Group Commander.
10. Telephone notification to prospective provider of the Family Child Care Panel's decision.

PROVIDER BENEFITS

Resource Center: Family Child Care helps provide equipment, toys, games, and other supplies which may not otherwise be affordable.

USDA Food Program: The United States Department of Agriculture will provide reimbursements for nutritional meals served in a provider's home. In accordance with Federal Law & USDA policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national Origin, sex, age or disability. Call 723-2604 for details.

Work from Home: Becoming a provider gives you an opportunity to work with children from the comfort of your own home.