

Your Duty

Welcome

Welcome to the Sheppard Air Force Base Family Child Care Program. Finding good quality child care is indeed a challenge. To help you meet this challenge, Family Child Care Homes are a very reliable and trustworthy option.

Who decides the fees charged?

Full time fees for children six weeks to five years of age will be based on total family income if the provider is enrolled in the subsidy program. This is the same method fees are collected in the base Child Development Center. If provider is not enrolled in the subsidy program fees are decided by the provider. For part time and drop in rates, the FCC providers decides the fees also. This is his/her private business and fees and charges are set and controlled by the individual provider.

Affiliation

If you are a spouse of active duty or retired military member and live off base you are eligible to be part of the FCC program. You are required to be a registered child care provider with the state of Texas. The FCC program will issue you a certificate of affiliation. The provider will receive the same benefits as a licensed provider who lives on base.

Your Family

What is Family Child Care (FCC)?

Family Child Care is the regular care of a child in the home of another family in base housing. The Air Force has developed a system for bases to use in offering a Family Child Care Program. Child Care providers are required to be licensed/affiliated.

Licensing

Licensing is approved by the Support Group Commander for an on-base resident to provide care in his/her quarters. The license must meet all the requirements of the base Family Child Care regulations. Each provider is thoroughly screened, monitored and trained to meet the licensing requirements to include:

- Eighteen years of age or older
- High School diploma or GED
- Able to read, write and speak English
- Initial Orientation Training
- Monthly training
- Complete 15 Air Force training modules within 18 months of being licensed
- Basic First Aid Training
- Current Food Handler Training
- Current CPR (Infant & Child)
- Maintain Liability Insurance
- Current satisfactory rating from specific base agencies



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Who is eligible to use an FCC home?

Only children of active duty, retired military personnel or civilians employed on or supported by the base may use the FCC program. Children age six weeks through 12 years of age are eligible for care.

What are the admission requirements for the children who are to use an FCC home?

The Air Force FCC regulations state that prior to admission in an FCC home the following requirements must be met by the parent:

1. Make sure your child has all immunizations required by the U.S. Air Force hospital. The provider must be given proof of immunizations.
2. The parent must give the provider two phone numbers where he/she can be reached in case of an emergency.
3. A written contract signed by both the provider and the parent(s).
4. The FCC program accepts children, employment of staff and approval of providers with chronic health problems.



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A Parents' Guide to Family Child Care Homes



If you have any questions, or would like a referral listing of Team Sheppard's dedicated and nurturing providers, please contact:

Family Child Care Staff

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Monday - Friday • 8 am - 5 pm

**Airman & Family Readiness
Family Support Office**

Bldg. 962, I Ave.

Child Development Center

Bldg. 195, I Ave.

Madrigal Youth Center

Bldg. 196, I Ave.

Sheppard AFB Website

www.sheppard.af.mil



Tips on Selecting an FCC Home

1. Start interviewing in advance of need.

We suggest that you allow two weeks or more before you need care to contact and screen prospective FCC homes and providers.

2. Spend as much time as you can with the provider to see if their attitudes regarding children agree with yours.

Feel free to ask questions of the provider about her lifestyle and her views on various subjects. You should try to select a provider that you will feel comfortable with.

3. Let the provider interact with your child.

Not all providers and children get along. You should try to select a provider that works well with your child.

4. Ask very specific questions about the provider's discipline techniques.

FCC providers are strictly prohibited from using any form of corporal punishment, even with parental permission. Instead, techniques are used to help the child develop self-control, self-esteem and respect for the rights of others.

