



## Board of Directors

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Child care businesses who decide to incorporate as a nonprofit are regulated by federal and state law. Nonprofit incorporation is best handled by an attorney in consultation with a certified public accountant. It is important to understand the advantages and disadvantages of being a nonprofit before a decision is made.

Nonprofits are required by law to have a Board of Directors. Those members should be chosen very carefully as the duties of board members are significant. For most nonprofits that find themselves in financial or organizational difficulty, the reason(s) can be traced to inadequate board member recruitment and training.

### Helpful Resources

#### Websites

- How to Begin and Maintain a Nonprofit Corporation in the State of North Dakota [www.nd.gov/sos/nonprofit](http://www.nd.gov/sos/nonprofit)
- Board Source [www.boardsource.org](http://www.boardsource.org)
- Nonprofits Assistance Fund [www.nonprofitsassistancefund.org](http://www.nonprofitsassistancefund.org)

#### Documents

- *Board Recruitment and Orientation: A Step-by-Step Common Sense Guide*. Hildy Gottlieb
- A Board Primer: An Introduction to Nonprofit Board Service. Ruth Marshall [www.gofoundation.org](http://www.gofoundation.org)