

# Getting Started



## Finding a Location

Things to keep in mind when looking for a property

- Budget
- Square footage requirements
- City zoning regulations



## Contact Your County Licensing Specialist



## Complete the Licensing Process



## Contracts & Policies

- Licensing requires written policies for all licensed child care programs.
- Contact a Child Care Aware Start-Up Coordinator at [startchildcare@ndchildcare.org](mailto:startchildcare@ndchildcare.org) to request contract & policy templates.



## Setting Up Your Environment and Choosing Materials

- Your Child Care Aware Start-Up Coordinator can help you in planning your room arrangements.
- Choosing Materials guide



## Budgeting

For help creating a budget reach out to:

- Child Care Aware at [startchildcare@ndchildcare.org](mailto:startchildcare@ndchildcare.org)
- [Small Business Development Center](#)
- [The Women's Business Center](#)



## Ratios and Group Sizes

The number of children a provider can care for is determined by their license type, the size of their facility, and the ages of the children.

- Ratio Guide



## Staff Management

[Staff Management Tools](#)