

# PROVISIONAL FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME I AND II LICENSING PROCESS OVERVIEW

It is vital that you carefully read the instructions and complete all forms accurately! Incomplete forms may result in the return of the entire application packet and result in a delay in the licensing process.

Keep in mind that this process will take time and does involve other State and Local Agencies. Do not set an opening date for your facility until the process is completed, and your license has been issued. The process typically takes 60-90 days to complete, and your application will be processed in date order received.

1. Prior to submitting the Application and additional required documents, you must complete **Family Child Care Home Orientation, Prepare to Care Health and Safety Training, and Safe with You Training (Safe Sleep for Infants, Abusive Head Trauma, Power to Protect)**.

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/How-to-Apply-for-a-Child-Care-or-Preschool-License.aspx>

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Child%20Care%20Documents/Prepare%20to%20Care%20Health%20and%20Safety%20Instructions.pdf#search=prepare%20to%20care>

<https://www.education.ne.gov/oec/child-abuse-prevention-training>

2. Refer to the “**Instructions for Provisional Application**” attached to the front of the Application for Family Child Care Home I or Application for Family Child Care Home II.
3. Submit the licensing fee, application and the additional forms and documentation required for the specific license type for which you are applying. The licensing fee and all required documents must be submitted together.

**The following additional documents and forms must be submitted with your provisional application (Forms are available on the Forms Page):**

- **Proof of Liability Insurance:** (Proof of Liability Insurance MUST be submitted prior to a license being issued if not submitted with your application) Business or child care insurance must be identified on the document and include: name of Licensee or program, licensed address, effective and expiration date, and \$100,000 per occurrence.
- **First Aid & CPR Certification** – See Training Page on this website for a list of approved training courses. CPR must be an instructor trained course. First Aid may be an instructor trained course or an internet (on-line) course. Copies of front and back of First Aid and CPR Certification cards must be included with the application paperwork.
- **Report of Law Enforcement Contact Form** – The Report of Law Enforcement Contact form must be completed and signed by all persons 19 years or older who are listed on your application. The report must be updated and re-signed each year.
- **Criminal History Record Check** – A national criminal history record information check through the Nebraska State Patrol must be obtained. For a list of Live Scan locations visit:

[https://statepatrol.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/public\\_livescan\\_list.pdf](https://statepatrol.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/public_livescan_list.pdf)

To schedule an appointment for **Lincoln or Omaha** fingerprinting:

<https://www.nebraska.gov/apps-nsp-appointment-calendar/schedule/index>

An individual living in Nebraska less than 12 months must obtain document of criminal history record check from the previous state(s) of residence.

- **Health Information Report Form** (for Primary provider). Is required **annually** for the provider and all staff who are responsible for the care and supervision of children more than 20 hours per week. The provider/staff completes the Health Information Report. A health care professional is no longer required to complete a blood pressure check and urinalysis.

Form A: Authorization for Release of Information – You will not need to sign this form unless the Department requests to contact your health care professional.

- **Zoning Approval**

- Family Child Care Home I: a copy of zoning approval is needed if you reside in the following cities: Grand Island, Holdrege, or Lincoln.
  - Family Child Care Home II: a copy of zoning approval from the relevant jurisdiction is required. To ensure the location of your program meets zoning codes for a Family Child Care Home II, you will need to obtain written approval from the local city planning department or county office for your area. Some cities have zoning requirements that are not included in the licensing regulations. Check the zoning requirements in your community before you purchase or rent a house or other building for a Family Child Care Home II.
  - Family Child Care Home II: within Omaha city limits. A Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Omaha is required as proof of zoning approval. If the proposed child care property is zoned Residential (R), this means that child care services are allowed only if the structure is occupied primarily as a residence by the owner or tenant. If this condition is not met, the residentially zoned property will NOT meet the licensing requirement of “providing a copy of approval from the relevant jurisdiction.”
- **Sketch** - of the facility showing the dimensions and arrangement of each room to be used by children and the outdoor play area.
  - **Proof of Residence** – Family Child Care Home I only.

**FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION:**

Once ALL the required & accurately completed items are received, the Child Care Licensing Staff will make a referral to the State of Nebraska, Fire Marshal, or Local Fire Marshal.

Keep in mind that wired-in and interconnected smoke detectors are required. Wired-in and interconnected smoke detectors need to be on every level of the home/premise, regardless if children are allowed on that level. Smoke detectors must be in every room in which children will be sleeping. Battery operated smoke alarms do not meet the State Fire Safety Codes for a Family Child Care Home I or II.

The Fire Marshal will not release an approval until the inspection fee has been paid.

**CHILD CARE LICENSING INSPECTION:** Once all required forms are received and approved a Child Care Inspection Specialist (CCIS) will contact the Applicant to set an appointment to conduct an on-site inspection.

**LICENSE ISSUANCE:** Before a provisional Family Child Care Home I or II license can be issued the Child Care Inspection Specialist must find the applicant in compliance with Child Care Licensing regulations. In addition, for Family Child Care Home II the following must be met:

- The facility must meet Fire Safety approval.
- Notice of Fire Safety approval received by Children’s Services Licensing.