

Resource: Finding a Location

Choosing the location of your family child care business is a big step. Check with your [state licensing office](#) to learn more about the specific requirements in your area before you start your search for a location for your family child care home business. Some states may require you to live in the home in which you provide care.

Check local [zoning laws and restrictive covenants](#) to make sure you are able to open a business in your own home or before you purchase or rent a home for a family child care business. Some states or local governments may also require family child care homes to have a business license. If you need help with finding this information, contact your local [Child Care Resource and Referral \(CCR&R\)](#) agency.

	Yes	No
I have completed the needs assessment and identified the best location for my family child care business based on the most recent data available to me.		
I checked with my state licensing office and asked whether there are any requirements of owners to live in the family child care home.		
I checked local zoning laws to make sure I can open a business in this area.		
I checked neighborhood covenants to make sure I can open a business in this area.		
I checked with my state licensing office or my local Child Care Resource and Referral agency to see if I need a business license to operate a family child care home in my area.		
If I am renting a home, I checked with the homeowner and with the rental or lease agreement to make sure that I can operate a family child care business in the rental property.		

If you have not checked **“yes”** to the above questions, please take the time to find out the state licensing requirements for family child care homes, zoning laws, and restrictive covenants before you go any further.