A guide to starting a home based

Family Child Care Business

DISCLAIMER

This document is intended to provide a brief explanation of family child care home regulations in the City and County of Broomfield. Due to space limitations, only select portions of the Broomfield regulations have been included here. This brochure should not be relied upon as a final source of information. Always refer to the Broomfield Municipal Code (BMC) to get complete and up-to-date information concerning Broomfield's latest family child care home regulations. The BMC can be found at www.broomfield.org/code/index.htm

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How many children can I care for in my home?

Family child care homes may care for no more than eight children at any one time. This includes the children of the provider. At least two of the eight children must be attending full-day school.

Do I need a license to run a family child care home?

A child care home must be licensed by the State of Colorado and comply with all state regulations. You may reference the Colorado Department of Human Services Division of Child Care website at http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/.

Can I place a sign on my property to advertise the family child care home?

No.

Signs, displays, or any other exterior indication of the family child care home is not allowed.

I live in a subdivision with a Home Owners Association (HOA). Can I run a family child care home out of my home?

We suggest that you check with the HOA **prior to** starting your business. Each HOA has different regulations relating to home occupations and some may have specific regulations relating to family child care homes. You may call the HOA management company to obtain more information regarding your particular HOA.

The City and County of Broomfield does not enforce the private regulations of your particular HOA. It is the owner's responsibility to determine whether the HOA allows family child care homes.

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FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME STANDARDS:

- The business must be conducted by only the people living in the home.
- No more than two motor vehicles associated with patrons or employees of the family child care home may be parked at any time in the driveway or on the street frontage of the dwelling unit, other than fifteen minutes or less for the purpose of child pick-up or drop-off.
- Storage of playground equipment, swing sets, toys, and other items associated with outdoor activity related to the family child care home is usually allowed in the rear yard.
- Exterior signs or advertising are not allowed.