

Facts

about Family Child Care

- ✓ There are approximately **2,000** licensed family child care homes in Alameda County
 - 472** offer evening care
 - 244** offer weekend care
- ✓ Licensed family child care homes provide **30%** of child care in Alameda County and offer twice as many slots for infants as child care centers
- ✓ Licensed family child care helps support the local economy by generating \$84 million in revenue in Alameda County
- ✓ Family child care homes are licensed by the State of California



Benefits

of Family Child Care



- ✓ Licensed family child care is the first choice for thousands of parents who want their children to grow and learn in an intimate, private setting with a small group of children
- ✓ Family child care is part of a vital support network for parents—sometimes the only source of reliable support—especially for single parents
- ✓ Family child care providers are ethnically diverse and speak many languages. Family child care providers help ensure that parents can find child care that honors their cultural heritage
- ✓ In family child care, the adult/child ratio is generally smaller than you would find in a center—providers are able to tend to children's individual emotional and educational needs

School Readiness & Family Child Care

- ✓ Family Child Care providers are educated and trained professionals who offer structured preschool programs in small, nurturing environments
- ✓ Many Family Child Care providers hold Child Development Permits, issued by the State of California for earning early childhood education and work experience

Professional Development & Family Child Care

- ✓ As licensed professionals, family child care providers take advantage of ongoing training and professional development
- ✓ Family child care associations offer professional development training and classes, with many offering unit bearing classes for college credit

The Coalition

The Family Child Care Coalition

was founded in 2004 and represents eight family child care associations throughout Alameda County. The Coalition is dedicated to educating our communities, local businesses and legislators about the contributions and challenges of the family child care industry's workforce and the families and children they serve.

Accomplishments of the Coalition include a Family Child Care Media and Advocacy Training Project and Toolkit and a Family Child Care Visibility Tour.

The Family Child Care Coalition

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Alameda County's Family Child Care Associations

Alameda Family Day
Care Association

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Association of Professional
Child Care Educators

Berkeley-Albany Licensed Day
Care Operators' Association

East Oakland Licensed
Day Care Association

Oakland Licensed Day Care
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Decisions About
Licensed Family Child Care

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