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.

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.
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.

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To learn more about the Coalition, visit www.acgov.org/childcare/coalition.