

**Questions? Need Help?
Not sure what to do?
Give us a call!**

At Child Care Resource & Referral we are here for you and to help you in the process of becoming registered and understanding what exactly the regulations say and mean. In Iowa you have the choice whether you are registered or non-registered. If you are caring for total of more than 5 children then you are required by law to be registered. Please give us a call for any questions or concerns that you might have!



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563-557-1628 or toll free in
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You can also visit these websites for more information:

www.empowerdubuque.org
www.neiowachildcare.org

There are also many free training opportunities for registered and non-registered providers.

Visit the above websites or call us!!

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WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

**The Benefits of Becoming
a Registered Child
Care Provider**



www.empowerdubuque.org
Healthy and Successful Children



www.neiowachildcare.org

There is Money Available to Registered Child Care Providers

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Infant Capacity Grant: \$1,000.00

The purpose of this grant is to increase the capacity, availability and quality of infant care (0-2 yrs old) in Dubuque County. **Newly-registered** family child care providers willing to accept at risk or subsidized infants may apply for grant money for infant equipment and/or other infant resources in order to expand the available number of infant child care opportunities in Dubuque County. You must also join the Children & Adult Care Food Program.

Quality Improvement Mini Grants: \$350.00

The purpose of this grant is to increase the quality of care for children 0-5 yrs old in Dubuque County. This money may be used to update toys, increase safety in the home etc.

If you are awarded a grant the program specialist will assist homes in evaluating their daycare by completing assessments for each grant recipient (3 for the infant grant and 2 for the quality grant). The first assessment will be conducted before the money is awarded. According to the Clifford and Harms Family Daycare Rating Scale, the specialist will identify areas where quality could be improved and discuss this with the provider. The goal is that the quality of daycare will be enhanced by the assessments.

GRANTS JUST FOR BECOMING REGISTERED!

We now have **Incentive to Register Grants**. If you are currently providing child care as a non-registered provider and become registered (receive your registration certificate, get your mandatory training) you might be eligible for a stipend! Call Child Care Resource & Referral for more information!

Please call Tara Roddick at 563-557-1628 or toll free in Iowa 866-296-5331 for more information on grants.

Not CPR/First Aid Certified? Want to go to a conference/training?

Currently there is money set aside by Dubuque Empowerment to help with the cost of classes that are required when you are a registered childcare provider. There are rebates that you can apply for to help with the cost for the CPR/First Aid classes. The rebates will cover up to \$30 for both classes (\$15 for each) if approved! After you have taken the class you will need to turn in documents before you get your rebate.



There are also rebates available to help cover the costs of trainings/conferences. We will pay for a class that is \$10 or over up to \$40.

Please call Stephanie VanGroll at 563-557-1628 or toll free in Iowa 866-296-5331 for more information or to request rebate forms.

SAFETY GRANTS!!

Need help purchasing necessary safety items? There is a safety grant available that will reimburse up to \$50 for your purchases. Call Tara Roddick at 563-557-1628 to find out more!



Would you like a Business Kit filled with the necessary items to run a successful Child Development Home?

As a newly registered provider you are able to attend a Business Kit Training and receive a kit filled with forms, files, resources and tons of other information that is used to maintain your registration and help you to be a successful business person. This training is done by our Home Consultants who can answer all your questions about becoming registered. We also have a Family Provider Orientation that will get you signed up for our database to start receiving parent referrals. If you are interested please call Cherie Kennedy or Kacey Wiest at 563-557-1628 or toll free in IA 866-296-5331

Get paid for the food that you are serving the children!!

The Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), an extension of the national school lunch program, reimburses registered childcare home provider of the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the children in their care.

Benefits of participating:

- Increase income without increasing rates
- Enhance professional skills through free nutrition training
- Opportunities to network with other providers

The children will:

- Continue to receive nutritious meals and snacks in spite of rising food costs
- Develop good eating habits
- Learn about nutrition



Parents will:

- Be assured that their children are receiving balanced, nutritious meals.
- Not be asked to incur the expense of meal reimbursement

Most providers find the food program easy to participate in. It takes just a few minutes each day, and you will be provided with assistance and advice at every step in the process. For more information on this program please call Carla at 563-875-7452.

The Dubuque County Empowerment Board builds public commitment and works collaboratively with the community to ensure access to high-quality child care, health care, and family services for all children and families in Dubuque County.