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Start-Up Materials for Your Family Child Care

When Community Care Licensing conducts your home inspection, their primary concern is that your home is safe for children. Use this list to help prepare for and pass your safety inspection. They will also want to see some basic supplies and materials for children. Use these tips to get an idea of what materials and equipment you should first purchase.

SAFETY MATERIALS

As you begin the process of turning your home into a child care, focus on creating a safe environment for children. At this stage, your decor or how many toys and materials you have is less important.

- ○ FIRE EXTINGUISHER (2A10BC)

- ○ SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR

- ○ FIRST AID KIT

- ○ SAFETY GATES

- ○ EDGE OR CORNER PROTECTORS

- ○ DOORKNOB COVERS

- ○ STOVEKNOB COVERS

- ○ CABINET LOCKS

- ○ OUTLET COVERS

- ○ WINDOW GUARDS

FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT

Your first purchases should focus on the furniture and equipment that is essential to running your business. Prioritize items you will need daily for routine activities. You can always upgrade or add furniture and equipment as you enroll children and your business grows.

- ○ TOY & MATERIAL STORAGE

- ○ TABLE & CHAIRS FOR MEALS & ACTIVITIES

- ○ SINK STEP STOOL

- ○ DIAPERING MAT/PAD

- ○ SLEEPING MATS OR "PACK N PLAY"

- ⊗ **NO** INFANT SWINGS, WALKERS, OR BOUNCERS

PLAY & LEARNING MATERIALS

As you start out, select materials that can be used for a range of ages. You can add age-specific items as more families enroll in your program and you get a better sense of what ages you will be serving. Below are some suggestions of materials that can meet the needs of multiple age groups. Prioritize having materials for 3-4 activities that YOU want to do with children!

- ○ BOOKS

- ○ ART SUPPLIES

- ○ PRETEND PLAY PROPS

- ○ ACTIVE PLAY

- ○ SCIENCE

- ○ BLOCKS