

Are you Ready to **Start a Family Child Care Business?**

This self-assessment is meant to help you think about the various components of starting and sustaining a successful family child care business. There are both personal and professional considerations for you to think about as you start your journey.

I have:	No				Yes
A passion for supporting young children and their families					
Experience as an early childhood educator					
Completed courses or training on child development					
Made sure that a family child care program is acceptable to each member of my household					
Money saved or access to loans from friends and family to cover my expenses as I build enrollment					
Equipment and materials for providing child care and education					
I know how to:					
Get along with multiple types of parents and children even if their parenting style, language, or culture is different than my own					
Connect families with resources and supports (subsidies, housing, therapy, etc.)					
Design an environment that supports children's development					
Plan a daily routine and weekly curriculum for children					
Serve nutritious meals according to USDA standards					
Price my service(s) and bill parents					
Describe myself and my child care program to potential families					
Market my program in multiple ways					
Protect myself from potential legal, professional, and personal risks associated with operating a child care business					
Create a childcare contract and parent handbook					
Prepare for and file taxes as a child care business owner					
Access resources and trainings in San Francisco					

If you checked "  " to all the items, you are probably ready to continue exploring the next steps in starting your family child care business! If you checked "  " to some of the items, we can help you create a personalized plan to launch your family child care business!