



Caring for Children as a Support to Families and Source of Income



Professional Family Child Care Alliance of Georgia (PFCCAG) and 9to5 Georgia

FAMILY FRIEND & NEIGHBOR (FFN) CARE



Do you need a license? No.

What does this mean?

- When you are caring for UP TO 2 children for a fee
- When you care for children and DO NOT charge a fee
- When you care for up to 2 children for a fee and other children for free (such as grandchildren)

FAMILY CHILD CARE LEARNING HOME (FCCLH)

Do you need a license? Yes.

What does this mean?


- If you care for between 3 and 6 children for pay, you must obtain a license through the Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)
- In addition to the 6 children for pay, you can serve children of relatives not for pay, and 2 children age 3 years and older, for 2 designated one hour periods

Key Licensing Requirements

- Complete DECAL Preservice Licensing and Other Required Classes (*Licensing Orientation Meeting, CPR & First Aide, and training in other topics*)
- Submit proof to DECAL your home complies with local government (city or county) requirements for zoning, business permit, fire department, and water supply
- Submit proof to DECAL that, if applicable, your landlord or homeowner association, agrees for you to have a FCCLH home
- Complete, or request a variance to complete (within 24 months of opening), a credential or degree in early child care and learning
- Complete comprehensive background checks on yourself and anyone living in your home
- Certify you meet a set of "Core Rules" prior to opening

For a complete explanation of CCLC licensing requirements go to: bit.ly/decalfcclh

CHILD CARE LEARNING CENTER




Do you need a license? Yes.

What does this mean?

- In Georgia, if you care for 7+ children for pay, you must obtain a license through DECAL to be a Child Care Learning Center (CCLC)
- Individuals considering opening a FCCLH often explore the CCLC option as well
- Just as FFN caregivers may consider their work a stepping stone to becoming a FCCLH home, some FCCLH providers consider their home a stepping stone to owning a CCLC

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Working for You

PFCCAG is working with 9to5 and other professional and child advocacy organizations to support FFN caregivers and FCCLH applicants. To contact PFCCAG, send an e-mail to info@pfccag.org or visit the website www.pfccag.org. To contact 9to5, send an email to info@9to5.org or visit www.9to5.org.

