



## Our Mission

NAFCC supports and leverages a nationwide network of providers and partners in expanding and promoting the power of family child care, by connecting practice, policy, and research. We promote quality reflective of diverse, dynamic early childhood professionals and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children in home-based settings.

## What is Home-base Child Care

Home-based family child care, also known as home-based child care, group home care, or family friend and neighbor care, is a form of child care offered within a provider's home. These programs are independently owned small businesses that typically care for 6-10 children with one educator serving a mixed age group. In some states, these programs can accommodate up to 12-14 children with multiple staff members.

## Benefit to Family Child Care Programs

- Personalized and Home-Like Environment
- Comfort and Security: Children thrive in a home-like setting that fosters a sense of comfort and security.
- Personalized Attention: Small group sizes ensure that each child receives individualized care and attention, fostering strong relationships between children and caregivers.
- Affordability and Accessibility
- Affordable Care for Families: Ensure child care is available across income levels and communities.
- Stabilize Providers and Programs: Keep small businesses open, ensuring families and local workforces are supported.
- Economic Development: Fully enroll child care programs to make them financially sustainable and help parents find child care openings.
- Compensation for Providers: Improve compensation for those providing critical early education and care.

## State Specific Information

- Number of Programs: How many family child care (FCC) programs operate in your state?
- Accessibility: Do children in your state have sufficient access to child care?
- Children in FCC Settings: Estimate the number of children currently in family child care settings.
- Note: This information can be sourced from your state's department of education, human health service department, or office of children and families.

## The Ask & How Can I Help

Support \$16B in federal funding to address critical non-profit organization dedicated to promoting high quality child care by strengthening the profession of family child care. NAFCC has been supporting family child care throughout the country since 1982 and collaborates with local, state and national organizations to increase the awareness of and improve the quality of family child care.

### The ARPA Funding Cliff

If the ARPA funding shortfall isn't addressed: Small child care businesses may close.

- Parents might leave the workforce or take drastic measures, like asking teenage children to skip school to provide care.
- This leads to cascading negative effects on families, education, and the broader workforce.
- Cost-Effective: Often more affordable than center-based care, making quality Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) child care accessible to a wider range of families.

## Call to Action

- Share this information with your local community and legislators.
- Help us ensure that every child has access to quality home-based family child care. Together, we can support our children, families, and community.