

# *Child Care Choices*

## *“Your Link to Community Child Care”*

We're happy to hear of your interest in caring for children. Child Care Choices is a resource and referral agency that helps Miami County home child care providers and child care centers do the best possible job in caring for children. Child Care Choices can offer you:

FREE REFERRALS – We put you in touch with families who need child care.

FREE WORKSHOPS – We give you fun ideas that keep children happy and help them learn. We also help you meet other professional caregivers with whom you can share ideas.

FREE ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION – We show you how to set up contracts with families and how to receive fair pay for the child care you provide.

FREE STORY LADY VISITS – We sponsor a Story Lady who will come to your home, read a book to the children, and involve them in art, music, math, science, and/or movement activities that relate to and expand the story.

As you can see, registering your home with Child Care Choices connects you to children and parents who need your services, to lots of good ideas, to other home child care providers, and to programs that will increase your earnings.

To become registered with Child Care Choices as a home child care provider, you must fulfill certain requirements that assure parents that you are a quality provider. These requirements not only protect the children you care for, but protect you as well. The requirements are that:

1. You are 18 years of age or older.
2. You care for no more than six children at any one time, including your own under age six. You may care for only three (3) children under the age of two (2) at any one time.
3. You obtain a doctor's statement that you are physically fit and free of communicable disease.
4. You give us the names of three character references of your choice (not relatives).
5. We visit your home and bring various materials to help you establish your child care business.
6. You take 7 ½ hours of training in Health and Safety during the first year of registration, then three additional trainings per year, all of which are available free at Child Care Choices.
7. You and all household members who are 18 years old or older must be fingerprinted and must complete the enclosed non-conviction statement (two of which are enclosed). Fingerprinting is now available in Miami County at three web check locations only, which are listed on the back of this sheet.

Please complete the enclosed application, non-conviction statement, and personal reference form and have your doctor complete your medical form; then return all of those to us. Go to the web check location of your choice for fingerprinting, and request that the results be sent to us. Once we receive all the forms, we will call you to set up a home visit. Please call if you have questions. We look forward to meeting you, and hope you will become associated with our network of quality child care homes.

Sincerely,

Betsy Russ, Director



Fingerprinting is available in Miami County at the following three web check locations:

**Council on Rural Service Programs, Inc.**

201 R.M. Davis Parkway, Suite B

Piqua, OH 45356

937-778-5220

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Miami County Sheriff's Office (NWC)**

201 West Main Street

Troy, OH 45373

937-440-6095

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**Tipp City Exempted Village School District**

90 South Tippecanoe Drive

Tipp City, OH 45371

937-667-8444

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.