Family Child Care Provider

- Understands the concepts, principles, theories, and research related to the development of children, infants through thirteen years old, that enable family child care providers to construct learning opportunities that support a child’s development, acquisition of knowledge, and motivation
- Understands the major concepts of curriculum planning for children birth to age 13. Applies the principles of child growth and development in early childhood education settings
- Knows the components of a safe and healthy family child care environment for children, including healthy meal planning and knowing how to respond to emergency situations, accidents, and illness
- Knows how to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), establish an inclusive child care environment, and meet the needs of all children in care
- Is familiar with professional aspects of establishing a family child care home business, including licensing
- Collaborates with parents and is aware of the resources available to support family child care home providers, children, and families

- Understands the responsibilities of identifying and reporting incidents of child abuse and neglect

Minimum Age Requirement
18 years of age or older

Minimum Required Education
- Basic first-aid and CPR training
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) training
- Emergency and disaster planning training
- 24 clock hours of approved training as detailed in the Code of Maryland (COMAR). Examples of training that would fulfill this requirement include:
  - Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential issued by the Council for Professional Recognition,
  - Or Family Child Care Preservice Modules
  - Or 90 clock hours preservice training
  - Or associate degree that includes at least 15 semester hours of early childhood education or elementary education course work,
  - Or bachelor’s or higher degree in an approved program of early childhood education, elementary education, or other discipline
- Approved training in supporting breastfeeding practices
- Three clock hours of approved training in complying with the ADA
Approved training in medication administration

Setting
- Family child care (in a home residence)

Note: A person who provides child care in the child’s home is generally referred to as a nanny and only receives payment through parent fees. It is important to note that the Maryland State Department of Education does not regulate nanny care.

Child Care Center Administrator or Director
- Understands the roles and responsibilities of a program administrator
- Exhibits knowledge and understanding of MSDE-Office of Child Care: Child Care Licensing Regulations
- Demonstrates an understanding of curriculum and curriculum planning that promote best practices in their child care programs
- Knows how to meet the requirements of the ADA, establish an inclusive child care environment, and meet the needs of all children in care
- Knows how to purchase developmentally appropriate materials and equipment
- Uses appropriate design when creating an environment (shared or permanent) that meets Child Care Regulations and the needs of staff, children, and families
- Possesses effective and professional communication skills
- Understands staff supervision, scheduling, evaluation, and ongoing professional development requirements
- Is aware of available early care and education-related resources
- Exhibits understanding of budget planning, responsibility, and sound business practices
- Understands the responsibilities of identifying and reporting incidents of child abuse and neglect