

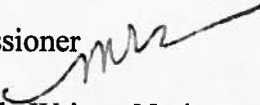


COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: June 30, 2015

TO: Unlicensed and Unregistered Family Day Home Providers

FROM: Margaret Ross Schultze, Commissioner 

SUBJECT: New Code Requirement to Provide Written Notice to Parents

The 2015 session of the General Assembly passed legislation adding § 63.2-1704.1 to the Code of Virginia. This Code section requires every unlicensed and unregistered family day home to provide a written notice to parents of every child receiving care, at the time care begins. The written notice should:

1. State the family day home is not regulated by the Division of Licensing Programs at Virginia Department of Social Services; and
2. Refer parents to the following Department website address for additional information regarding licensed, registered, unlicensed, and unregistered family day homes:
<http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/children2.cgi>.

Attached is a copy of the new law.

NOW is a great time to become licensed!

There are many benefits of providing licensed child care. Licensing will:

1. Help establish you as a professional in your field;
2. Signal to parents that you are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for children;
3. Allow you full access to free and relevant, up-to-date training and workshops;
4. Provide you with eligibility to participate in the USDA Food Program, which provides financial reimbursements for meals and snacks;
5. Allow you to sign up with Child Care Aware of Virginia, a resource and referral agency that will refer parents statewide to your business; and
6. Allow you to claim additional federal tax deductions for house-related expenses.

If any of these benefits have peaked your interest and you would like to know more information about becoming licensed, please contact the licensing office in your region found on this page:
http://www.dss.virginia.gov/contact_us/dolp_district.pdf

§ 63.2-1704.1. Unlicensed and unregistered family day homes; notice to parents.
Every unlicensed, unregistered family day home shall provide written notice to the parents of every child receiving care, at the time the family day home begins providing care for the child, stating that the family day home is not regulated by the Department and referring parents to a website maintained by the Department for additional information regarding licensed, registered, and unlicensed, unregistered family day homes. The provisions of this section shall not apply to an unlicensed, unregistered family day home in which all of the children receiving care are related to the provider by blood or marriage.