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| **BIZZY BEE’S FAMILY CHILD CARE** | |
| **Quality child care isn’t expensive.**  **It’s priceless.** | |
| FEATURE | BENEFIT |
| Licensed by DCFS since 1994 | Licensed care brings peace of mind. The State can drop in any time, unannounced, to check, among other areas, to make sure all of my paperwork is complete and current and check to make sure the right number and ages of children are being served. State background checks are done on all members of my family over the age of 13. Fingerprints are checked on everyone in the household over the age of 18. |
| Payments are tax deductible | FEIN number and a year-end statement listing amounts and payment method are distributed by Jan 31 of the following year. |
| Family Child Care Home | A warm and loving family atmosphere of a home and continuity of care by the same provider, over a 5-6 year period from birth to full time school, allows for a deeper and more meaningful relationship between the child and the provider and over time for me to become more familiar with each child’s needs, skills, interests, and the way that they learn. Our family/provider relationship is strengthened by having more time together to get to know and trust one another. |
| Dedicated Child Care Spaces | My entire lower level is dedicated and licensed for child care by the state and inspected for safety. My outdoor space has 3 large play areas for the children. We move throughout the house/yard all day. |
| * CDA * NAFCC Accredited * Illinois ExceleRate Silver Circle of Quality * Family Child Care Credential, Level 2 * ECE Credential Level 1 | This type of credentialing, accreditation and rating mean that on a daily basis, I go above and beyond what DCFS requires of me to provide care to your child. I have to have at least 30 hours of training a year to maintain these levels and I incorporate what is learned into my program. |
| Year round care | With the exception of my vacations, personal days and holidays, I provide year round care for your child. |
| Offering a Multi-Age setting | Siblings are cared for together and not separated by age. A mixed age group is more like a home setting. Children related and not related tend to be less competitive and more cooperative because long term relationships have formed. Older children help younger children by modeling language and appropriate behavior and younger children are challenge to engage in more complex activities. Studies show that children often learn best from other children rather than adults. |
| I use Developmentally Appropriate Practices (DAP) when helping children learn | DAP is grounded in research on how young children develop and learn and what is known about effective early education. It is meeting the child where they are in their development and helping each child meet challenging and achievable learning goals. |
| Emergent Curriculum based on the Quality Counts approved Creative Curriculum for Preschool and Redleaf’s Curriculum for Family Child Care and Assessments | **A play based, emergent curriculum is first and foremost, *not a free for all.*** It is not unplanned. A child centered environment does not mean a *teacher absent* environment. It is child initiated, teacher framed. Plans and activities are developed and tweaked based upon the children's interests. It is my job to observe, ask open-ended questions, and bring in materials and equipment that help expand the children's knowledge and experiences. Throughout our day, the children have many opportunities to make choices regarding their play. Art materials are always accessible; we have plenty of time for reading, time for developing listening skills, group interaction, and learning responsibilities and rules. Children are still learning about colors, shapes, ABC's, counting, and sizes. Art is process (the child decides what they will create, not me) not product (everyone’s look very similar when done) orientated. We do not do worksheets here. Activities for birth to 3 align with the **Illinois Early Learning Guidelines** and activities for ages 3- 5 align with the **Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards for Preschool.** |
| High quality, open ended toys and equipment | The toys in my program allow the children to direct the play themselves- open ended play. Open ended play is more engaging and is important for development. Open ended toys foster a child’s imagination, require more thinking and creativity. Every time they play with that toy, it is different. The majority of my toys are of high quality meaning that they will not break easily and they will last a long time and not have to be replaced. |
| Safety is a priority | Radon testing is done every 3 years and I am within the legal limit. Certified in CPR/First-Aid/AED every 2 years through the American Heart Association. We have monthly fire/tornado drills, a privacy fenced yard, double stair railings, half doors on kitchen and restroom to monitor activity but still provide privacy and safety, outlet plugs, window cords are up, medical consent forms are kept current, children are not allowed to open exit doors, universal precautions when diapering, animal vaccinations are up to date, and heavy furniture is anchored to the walls. |
| Located by Rt. 90 & Randall Rd. | Conveniently located 3 miles North of Rt. 90 & Randall Rd, behind Woodman’s & Menards. |
| A *Lets Move Child Care* | **A Let’s Move Child Care** encompasses 5 areas to helping children learn healthy habits: encouraging and planning for physical activity, setting screen time limits, providing healthy food choices, providing healthy beverages, and encouraging and supporting breast feeding mothers. |
| USDA Food Program | All meals are provided according to the USDA nutrition standards. My food program comes in unannounced 3 times a year to make sure that I am serving nutritiously balanced meals and snacks and that I am serving the right amounts. I do not serve juice, hot dogs, p.b. & j, baloney or commercial chicken nuggets. |
| Ages 3 months to 12 year | I offer continuity of care through the age of 12. Sleepy Hollow Elementary is my elementary school for busing. Busing may be available from DeLacey Early Learning Center. |
| Small Ratio | I am licensed for 8 children, of which 6 Children under the age of 5 and 2 children over the age of 5 at any one time. Less children = less germs. Less children = more one on one attention. |
| City Licensed | My city is aware that I am running a business out of my home, per city code. |
| Local Involvement | A member of the Little Hands Child Care Network, YWCA Child Care Resource & Referral Agency |
| State Involvement | Great START participant, Illinois ExceleRate Program. |
| National Involvement | National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) |
| Assessments Available | Ages and Stage Questionnaires (ASQ’s) and the Kane County Nurse Consultant are available should you have a question about your child’s development. |
| Training Hours | I average about 50 hours a year of training in a wide variety of topics in early childhood education and business. I do this through classes, webinars, and by mail. I need 15 hours for DCFS, 30 hours for NAFCC accreditation. Please see my training log for specific trainings. Please do not hesitate to ask about a specific topic. |
| Limited Screen Time | Screen time – TV and video time is rare. Ipads and computer time have not been incorporated into my program for the children. |

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