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GREAT DAY HOMES FOR GREAT KIDS

With so many families with young children in the community, the need for childcare is constant! Over 60% of all military families have children under the age of 12 years.

Edmonton Garrison has approved family day homes in Lancaster Park. This is in addition to the numerous approved day homes throughout Edmonton, St. Albert, Fort Saskatchewan and surrounding areas. More are needed to meet the regular demands of so many families.

There are a number of advantages to providers who participate in a day home agency and to families who use them as well:

- ❖ Providers receive a monthly visit from a Family Day Home Agency Consultant to offer on-going support and resources.
- ❖ With a maximum of six (6) children, including the provider's own, a small group/family environment is maintained. No more than two (2) children under the age of two (2) years or three (3) children under the age of three (3) years can be in the home at the same time.
- ❖ Providers receive assistance with resources for daily planning that includes physical activities, art, creative play, language and learning daily routines.
- ❖ Family Day Homes can provide care for children 0 to 12 years of age, which means a family's pre-schooler and school age child can be together.
- ❖ Family Day Homes can meet the needs of families requiring flexible hours of care.
- ❖ Day home providers have access to a free toy lending library and resources about children and their development. They get together to discuss childcare topics and provide support to one another.
- ❖ They are invited to the professional development sessions for the Children's Service's staff members of the MFRC and can use the Military Family Resource Centre for special activities.
- ❖ The providers have security in knowing they will be paid for their services because they are paid by the day home agency. Families have the security of knowing they will have someone to provide care for their children as the agency arranges for backup providers should the provider require a day off.
- ❖ Subsidy from the Provincial Government is available to families who qualify.
- ❖ Through the Child Care Accreditation Program, providers receive monthly support payments based on their level of education and number of hours that children were in care.

For more information about being an approved Family Day Home, call Janna Stirling Gilchrist at 973-4011 ext. 6314.