



# ARMY FAMILY CHILD CARE (FCC)



## It's okay to be *Neighborly!*

An explanation of the Family Child Care ten hour rule

1. At Child and Youth Services, we provide safe **child care for military Families** – at Child Development Centers, and in Family Child Care (FCC) settings, where certified providers offer child care in their on-post homes.
2. The Army has a responsibility to balance the ability of families to rely on one another to meet their short term child care needs with protecting the safety and well-being of children.
3. It is not — and never has been — the intent of CYC to eliminate such “good neighbor” favors.
4. There is a difference between caring for children a few hours a week and providing child care services on a **regular basis**.



## Know the Rules

A 10-hour child care limit has been established by the Department of the Army to protect children from being in unregulated child care settings on a **regular basis**.



This means any Family member living in government quarters providing child care for more than 10 child care hours per week on a **regular basis** must be certified as a Family Child Care provider.

“10 Child Care Hours means 1 child for 10 hours per week, 2 children for 5 hours per week, etc.”

“**Regular Basis**” means routinely, for an extended period of time.

SO ...

If you care for your neighbor's child all day, 5 days per week for 9 hours per day, that is a total of 45 child care hours. **You must be a certified FCC provider.**

OR ...

If you care for 6 different children per day, 5 days per week, even if it's only an hour per day each, that is STILL a total of 30 child care hours. **You must be a certified FCC provider.**

**It pays to be a certified FCC provider!** Certified FCC providers receive FREE training & support, FREE referrals, FREE materials & equipment AND qualify for child care subsidies!

Become a certified FCC provider today!  
Contact your local CYS FCC Office.



*Your Child's Home Away from Home.*