

## Child Care Provider Focus Group Meeting – Nov. 1

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- Waiting lists are 20-25 at Bright Minds Academy. The baby room is booked out through 2025.
- Staffing – finding people and retaining them because they can make more money working in the fast food industry (cannot raise tuition because they are already the highest priced option in town) The requirements to get qualified is time consuming, and it is challenging for the staff to get through that process.
- Two week online health and safety course should be free
- CPR training should be free
- The waiting period from the time you finish paperwork to the time it is actually processed takes too long
- Taking two weeks for another walk through to occur
- Limitations for your home being your home, like having Pepto Bismol in the refrigerator if it isn't in a locked container.
- Your home cannot be your own home
- Having training paid for providers through sponsorship dollars or grant funds
- Talk to HaysMed or Ellis County EMS for more in person training
  - Month of CPR first aid training to be paid for by someone else
  - Could the rotation cycle for certification for CPR or first aid be every other year, three year, or four years
  - Have a recertification process like your drivers license and have a separate training for new providers

- Could FHSU provide certifications for child care providers like they used to in the past
- Training online is isolating. Some providers still want that option to have in person training for peer time together.
- Could the five year cap be lowered down to four (18 months to four year olds)
- Your own kids have to count until they are twelve
- Could there be a hosted event with continued education as an option and have that count towards certification requirements
- Have a food option that could be sponsored by a different business each quarter
- Bulk buying food for
- Barriers to the amount of paperwork needed to qualify for the CFCFP
- Business students at FHSU or chamber member businesses that are accounting based helping with business portion of child care business
- Like the idea of a food program that would deliver the food (would appreciate the food plan already being written up and sent out to the provider list each day.
- Use Pro Care and Bright Wheel for software to manage business (\$99/month was a special pricing.) Consortium pricing
- \$9.00 per week per kid, includes one meal and two snacks (current budget for Bright Minds Academy)