Professional information to be aware of

**Licensed** - All listed in-home Family Child Care providers are licensed. Centers are licensed, exempt or certified.

**Exempt** - Programs not required to be licensed. Examples may include part-time preschools, summer camps and programs operated by government agencies such as school districts, parks and recreation departments or community centers.

**AEYC** - The provider is a member of the Association for the Education of Young Children (a professional organization).

**Family Child Care Association** - The Family Child Care provider is member of a professional organization consisting of a network of family child care providers.

**Directors Association** - The director belongs to a professional organization of child care center directors.

**Master provider** - The Family child care provider who has met a higher standard of training/certification.

**Accredited** - Provider has been nationally accredited by either NAEYC (centers) or NAFCC (family child care).

**Certified** - Programs cannot be licensed because they are a governing agency which cannot legally be licensed by another governing agency. They meet requirements similar to the licensing process.

**Early Childhood Education (ECE) Credentials:**

**CDA - ECE credential** - Child Development Associate.

**Associates degree** - AA degree in ECE.

**Bachelors degree** - BA degree in ECE.

**Masters degree** - MA degree in ECE.

**2+ years experience** - The provider has at least 2 years of experience in the ECE field.

**Workshop(s)** - provider who has taken workshops on ECE topics.

**College credit** - college credit course(s) in ECE.

**College degree-non ECE** - non ECE college degree.