



# Start-up Costs for a Child Development Home

For persons looking to start their own home child care business, below please find suggested items and up-front expenditures that may be needed to get started. All costs are an estimate for a Child Development Home. Actual costs and quantities needed will vary depending on individual circumstances.

Registration Requirements	Est. Cost
<b>Fingerprints Rolled</b> – for household members 18 and older	\$20
<b>CPR First Aid Certificate</b> – must use DHS approved curriculum	\$75
<b>Smoke Detector</b> – 1 unit per child occupied room	\$90
<b>CO Detector</b> - if using fuel burning heat or appliances	\$20
<b>Fire Extinguisher</b> – 1 per child occupied floor (2A10BC)	\$90
<b>Outlet Caps</b> – child proof covers for outlets	\$10
<b>Safety Gate</b> – at top and bottom of stairs	\$80
<b>First Aid Kit</b> – for home, outside & car if providing transportation	\$50
<b>Disposable Tweezers</b> – DHS requires disposable tweezers	\$15
<b>Fencing for Yard</b> – only required if home is located by busy thoroughfare or other hazards such as water	\$1,000
<b>Toys and Books</b> – developmentally appropriate for a variety of ages	\$200
	<b>\$1,650</b>
For Infant Care	Est. Cost
<b>Certified Crib</b> – if providing infant care, 1 per child (evacuation cribs are \$500)	\$200
<b>Crib Sheets</b> – tight fitting sheets designed for size of crib mattress	\$24
	<b>\$224</b>
Optional Supplies	Est. Cost
<b>Sleep Cots and Bedding</b> – cots are preferred as they raise children up off the floor	\$340
<b>Sleep Sack</b> – 1 per infant (cost estimate for 3 total)	\$75
<b>High Chair</b> – easy to clean and meets current CPSC safety standards	\$75
<b>Child-sized Table and Chairs</b> – appropriate for a variety of ages	\$300
<b>Dishes and Feeding Supplies</b> – sturdy, unbreakable and suitable for a variety of ages	\$50
<b>Shelving</b> – low, sturdy and stable from tip-over	\$300
<b>Diaper Changing Table</b> – smooth, non-porous and easy to disinfect	\$200
<b>Cleaning and Disinfecting Supplies</b> – child-safe disinfectant used according to manufacturer directions, paper towels, disposable gloves, etc.	\$50
<b>Stroller</b> – double if needed for 2 infants (double stroller \$200)	\$125
<b>Outdoor Toys or Play Equipment</b> – jump rope, balls, riding toys, helmet, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, etc.	\$150
	<b>\$1,665</b>
<b>Estimated Complete Start-Up Cost</b>	<b>\$3,539</b>