

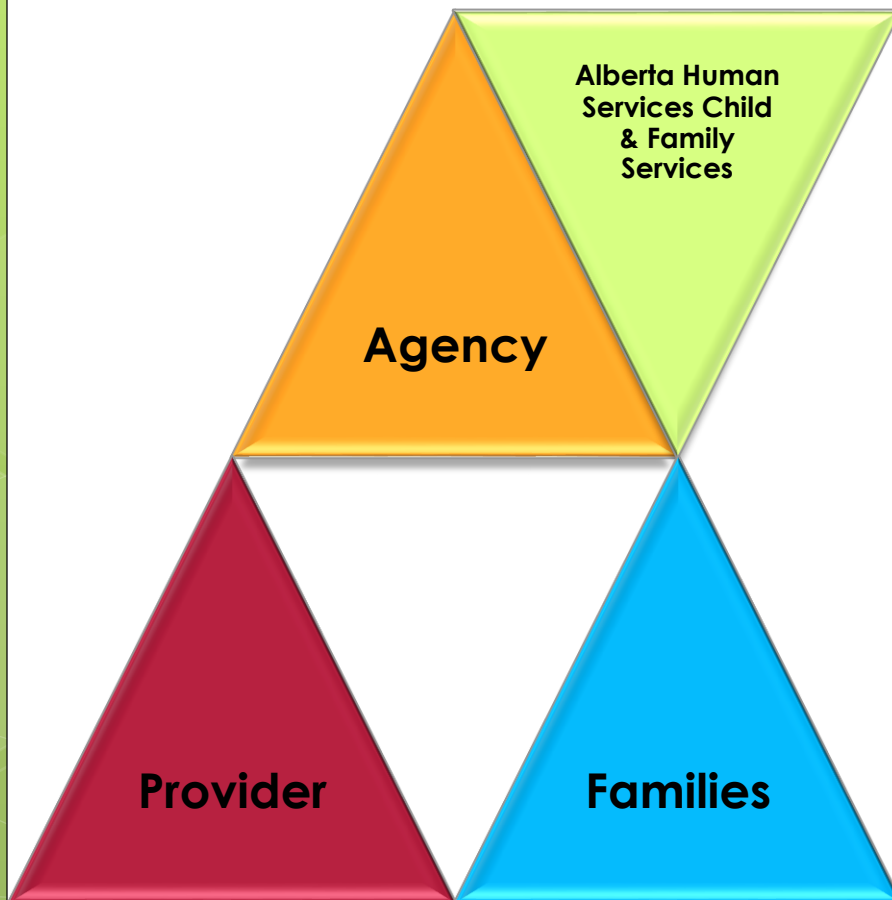


Approved Family Day Home

A formal child care service in a family home setting where care is monitored to ensure it meets established standards.

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Relationship



- Alberta Human Services holds a contract with an Agency and the Agency is monitored by Child and Family Service.
- The Agency holds a contract with the providers for the provision of child care services in their home, and monitors them for compliance to the Standards.
- The Agency holds a contract with the Families for the collection of fees.
- The provider holds a terms of service contract with the parents outlining their care agreement.

FYI

Approved Family Day Home Agencies are not regulated under the Child Care Licencing Act.

The Family Day Home Agency and the Day Home Providers are not Licenced.

The Agencies are Contracted by Alberta Human Services Child and Family Services to monitor contracted Family Day Home Providers.

The Day Home Providers are, in turn, individually contracted with the Agency. Family Day Home Providers are Self Employed Persons.

Providers are Self Employed

In 2000, Revenue Canada ruled that Family Day Home Providers are Self Employed Persons.

Agencies across Alberta have been, and currently are, subject to court proceedings regarding Family Day Home Self-Employment.

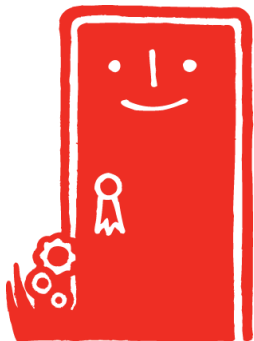
In 2005, Workers Compensation Board ruled that Family Day Home Providers are Contracted Workers, not Employees.



The Alberta Family Day Home Standards Manual

There are three sections to the Family Day Home Standards Manual:

1. CFS Standards *(2 Standards)*
2. Agency Standards *(9 Standards)*
3. Family Day Home Standards *(13 Standards)*



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Child & Family Services

Role

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for the approval, monitoring and enforcement of agreements between a Child and Family Services and an agency and may not delegate that authority. The CEO ensures that the CFS monitors the agency to ensure that standards are met and that complaints and incidents are properly investigated.

Objectives

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) approves all contracts with agencies to recruit, monitor and support family day home providers.

- Establishes contracts with agencies to recruit, approve, monitor, train and support family day home providers; and
- Assists eligible parent(s) choosing family day homes to access Child Care Subsidy.

Agency

Role

The mandate of contracted agencies and approved family day home providers is to offer a quality child care service in a family environment that meets the needs of children and families within the community.

Objectives

The objectives of the agency are to:

- Recruit, monitor, approve and contract with family day home providers who can meet Ministry standards for family day home providers; and
- Assist parent(s) in choosing a family day home suitable to their child and family's needs.

Family Day Home

Role

Contracted providers are responsible for:

- The safety, health and well-being of children in their care; and
- Complying with Ministry standards for family day home providers.

Objectives

Family Day Homes exist to:

- Offer parent(s) the option of a formal child care service in a family home setting where care is monitored to ensure it meets established standards, and where parent(s) can access assistance with fees through the Child Care Subsidy program; and
- Ensure that children's health, safety and well-being are protected.

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