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## **How to Become a Registered Child Care Provider Advantages and Disadvantages of Being a Registered Child Care Provider**

### **Advantages of Being a Registered/Licensed Child Care Provider**

- work at home
- self-sufficient / second income
- no work-related expenses: no gas for car, work wardrobe, or child care costs for your own children
- no travel time or scraping icy windshields in the winter
- stay at home with your own children
- companions for your own children (social skills)
- tax advantages not available for “babysitters”
- money for equipment and training (grants)
- reimbursement for food served to children (CACFP)
- personally rewarding, knowing you make a real difference for children and their families

### **Disadvantages of Being a Registered/Licensed Child Care Provider**

- long hours, usually 12 hour days
- low hourly rates
- fluctuating income – your income can drop unexpectedly if you lose enrollments
- depreciation of your home – wear and tear
- isolation; only young children to talk to all day

**The advantages outweigh the disadvantages, but decide for yourself if this career is right for you.**