

*Rule 17.7 Family Day Care*

1. The MDE shall:
  - a. Develop readiness training for Day Care Home Sponsors for children ages 0-4
    - i. Train sponsors on readiness for 0-4 years old
    - ii. Provide training to sponsor representatives on use of readiness training program
    - iii. How to present readiness training
    - iv. Utilization/effectiveness checklist
  - b. Family Day Care Home Sponsors shall:
    - i. Attend training provided by MDE on readiness
    - ii. Adopt and implement readiness training in every family day care home under sponsorship
    - iii. Annually train all providers on readiness
    - iv. Train new family day care home providers prior to approval
    - v. Employ a childcare director who is at least 21 years of age with a minimum of two years' experience as director or caregiver
    - vi. Establish a referral program for low literacy providers
  - c. Family Day Care Home Providers shall:
    - i. Attend annual training on the readiness as a condition of approval
    - ii. Implement training in the family childcare setting
    - iii. Involve parents in training, send/handout progress reports home with children
  - d. Parents shall:
    - i. Reinforce training by using materials sent home with children
  - e. Sponsoring organizations shall implement in all homes under sponsorship by October 1, 2000 and each year thereafter.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. § 37-1-3 (Revised 09/2022)*