



Child Care House – Mapleton, MN

Prospective Operator Introduction Guide

For Individuals Interested in Leasing and Operating a Licensed Child Care Program

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Rendering of Child Care House

Welcome to Child Care House

Thank you for your interest in becoming a licensed child care provider through the Child Care House initiative in Mapleton.

This is a unique opportunity for one individual to operate their own child care business inside a fully prepared, professionally constructed site located right here in Mapleton. The site is being offered for lease as part of a community-backed effort to expand access to licensed care in our area.

If selected, you will not need to furnish, renovate, or fund the space. Instead, you'll lease a complete child care environment—with business and licensing support provided to help you succeed. The goal is to support a high-quality provider who wants to deliver care with professionalism and heart—and who might otherwise be blocked by housing, zoning, or startup costs.

This guide walks you through what's included, how the process works, and how to take the next step if you're interested.

What Is a Child Care House?

And What's Provided to the Operator

A Child Care House is a small-scale, professionally constructed child care space. It's not a center. It's not home-based care. It's a third option—built specifically for care, ready for use, and leased to a qualified provider.

Each Child Care House is:

- Purpose-built for licensed care
- Furnished with learning centers, curriculum-aligned materials, and safety features
- Outfitted with appliances, furniture, and child-friendly fixtures
- Prepared with utilities and systems ready to go
- Leased, not gifted—the operator is a tenant and business owner

As the selected operator, you'll lease this prepared space and run your own licensed program. You'll receive:

- Startup coaching and licensing assistance
- Templates for tuition, communication, and day-to-day operations
- Seasonal restock kits and basic marketing tools
- Ongoing guidance throughout your first year of operation

You bring the vision and care. We bring the structure and support.



Mapleton Provider Selection Timeline

Summer 2025

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Phase I: Application Launch and Information Sharing

June 3 – Application Opens

June 10, 6:30 PM – Virtual Information Session (Zoom)

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Phase II: Application Review and Panel Scoring

June 20 – Application Deadline

June 24 – Review Materials Distributed

June 27 – Selection Panel Review Session

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Phase III: Final Interviews and Announcement

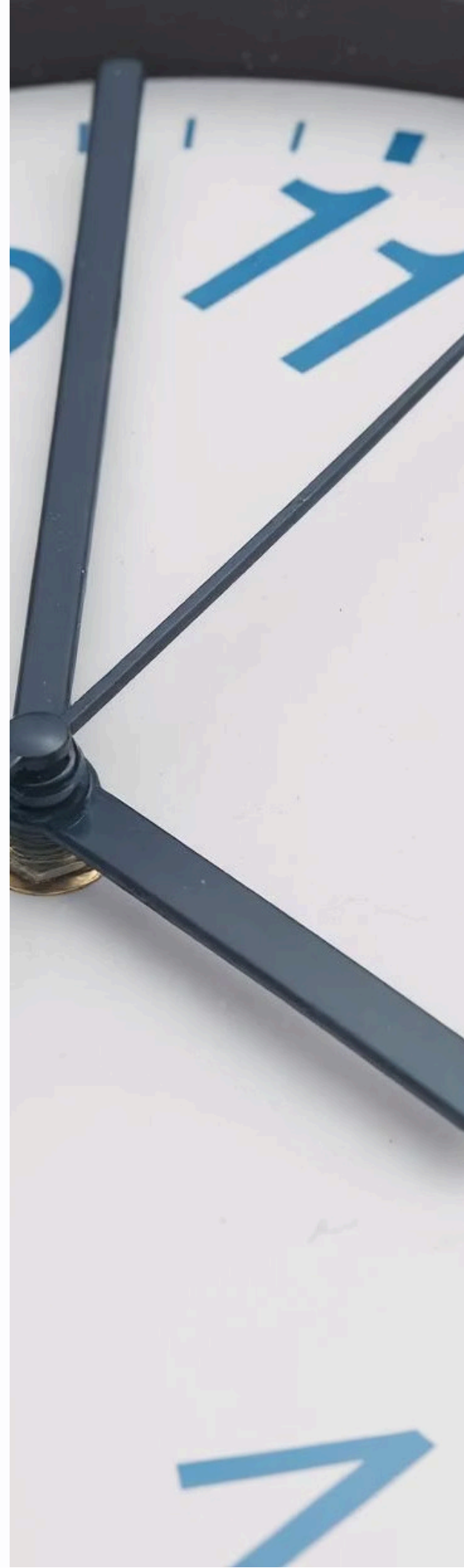
July 1 – Finalist Interviews and Decision

July 2–8 – Agreement Confirmation

July 9 – Public Announcement

Learn more and apply at:

www.businessofchildcare.com/mapleton





Is This a Good Fit for You? And What the Opportunity Is Not

There is no single path to becoming a great provider. You may have years of experience in early childhood—or be starting from community-based or family-based care. What matters is your readiness to lead with purpose and step into a licensed program of your own.

This could be a fit if you:

- Love working with children and want to lead your own program
- Have cared for children in homes, schools, or informal settings
- Are ready to go through the licensing process (or already licensed)
- Want to serve local families in a consistent, professional space
- Are comfortable managing a small business and planning for income

This opportunity is **not**:

- A job or employment position
- A home-based child care arrangement
- A building giveaway or real estate transfer
- A franchise with required curriculum or branding

You'll run your own program, with your own voice and values, in a space designed to help you succeed.





How to Take the Next Step

If you're interested in becoming the provider for the Mapleton Child Care House, here's what to do next. This is a real opportunity to run your own licensed child care program in a fully prepared space—with support along the way.

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Attend or Watch the Virtual Information Session

Start with the information session—it's the best way to understand the full opportunity. The session is available live or on demand. You'll learn about:

- What's included in a Child Care House
- What's expected of the operator
- How licensing and business support works
- The application and selection process

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Complete the Online Application

The application is your chance to share your story, your experience, and your interest in becoming a provider. You'll be asked about:

- Your background caring for children
- Your goals for the kind of program you'd like to run
- What age groups you're interested in serving
- Your licensing readiness and business comfort

There are no perfect answers—we're looking for alignment, not formality.

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Prepare for the Selection Process

After the application deadline, a local review panel will evaluate submissions using a shared rubric. Here's what to expect:

- All eligible applications will be reviewed
- Finalists will be invited to a short interview
- One provider will be selected and offered a lease, with onboarding to follow

We treat all applicants with respect and care. If this opportunity speaks to you, we hope you'll apply.

The information session, online application, and selection details are all available at:

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A Final Word

Becoming a child care provider is a meaningful calling—and a serious undertaking. The Child Care House model exists to make that path more possible, more supported, and more sustainable for people like you.

Whether you've been doing this work for years or are just beginning to explore it, this guide is meant to help you take the next step with clarity and confidence.

You don't need to have all the answers. You just need to be ready to lead with care, show up fully, and commit to something that matters—for children, families, and your community.

We're here to walk beside you.

This guide is your starting point. Your story, your vision, and your care could be the future of child care in Mapleton.

Begin your journey at: 👉

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