This publication describes a pilot community based educational and support program for family day care. Program components include: a resource center and meeting place for family day care providers; informal weekly adult education programs (with planned activities for children); staff training; an 8-week certificate course for family day care parents; and outreach services for the community. Supports to family day care include an equipment loan service, linkage to the community human services network, a referral service for parents, a teen-aide program and a monthly newsletter. Included in the report are resources for persons developing similar programs, including: (1) an approach to assessing community needs and resources, (2) components of the family day care pilot program, (3) a worksheet to assist in an inventory of resources and alternatives, (4) topics covered and resource persons used at the weekly educational programs, (5) an outline of the certificate training course and list of training materials, and (6) reference material used in the pilot program. (Author/NS)
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This publication describes a multifaceted community based educational and support program for family day care. The program components include a community based resource center for family day care providers, a meeting place where they can share ideas and experiences daily. Weekly informal educational programs for the adults and activities planned for the children, as well as an eight-week certificate course take place at the Resource Center. Teen Aides receive training which enables them to work with children in family day care homes. Supports to family day care include an equipment loan service, a "matchmaking" referral service, linkage to the community human services network, and a monthly newsletter. A community based advisory committee determines program direction.

Developed over the past three years with family day care providers, this pilot effort has been supported primarily by special needs funds from Extension Service-USDA. Other support came from the New York State College of Human Ecology, New York State Cooperative Extension, Cornell University, Cornell Institute for Career Education, the State of New York, New York State Department of Social Services, Nassau County Cooperative Extension Association, Nassau County Senior Community Services Project, Nassau County Department of Social Services, Day Care Council of Nassau County, Nassau County Neighborhood Youth Corps, USDA Summer lunch program in the Town of Hempstead. Primary support for years four and five is from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

This publication is addressed to people interested in developing an educational and support program in family day care. They may include:

- Cooperative Extension specialists and agents with human resources programming responsibilities for adults and youth
- Social workers and community outreach workers in human services and child caring agencies
- Child care and staff development training officers in social services, welfare departments
- Child care councils concerned with family day care as a viable child care option for families
- Family day care providers' associations
- Community colleges, colleges and universities whose faculties guide students preparing for the child caring and human services professions.

The publication's purpose is to help generate ideas and stimulate support for family day care in communities and to provide some practical information learned in the pilot program. It is also a resource to people who have made requests for information about the program. The last section is a workbook to aid people when they assess needs and determine resources needed to develop a family day care program similar to that described in this publication, either in whole or in part.

The program is designed for anyone who cares for children in a home situation, whether the caregivers have received a license or their homes have received certification, whether the children are publicly subsidized, or whether their families have made private arrangements with a family day care provider.

Throughout this report, the following terms are used interchangeably:

- Family day care provider
- Caregiver
- Family day care parent
- Family day care mother
- A definition of terms is on page 14.

A slide/script/cassette program, Learning With Love: Family Day Care, is a visual presentation of the program, available from Visual Communications Office, 412 Roberts Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853. A comprehensive report, Family Day Care, A Cooperative
Extension Pilot Program, has been distributed nationwide to libraries in the Land Grant College system and to Cooperative Extension Family Life Specialists in each state.

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DEFINITIONS*

Family Day Care - day care of a child in the home of another family including before and after school care.

Family Day Care Parent - someone who takes care of other people's children. That care is provided in the day care parent's own home for fewer than 24 hours a day. Family day care parents are sometimes called family day care providers, day care mothers, teacher mothers, or, less frequently, babysitters.

Licensed Family Day Care Home - a private enterprise offering family day care with a permit or license to do so from New York State Department of Social Services. A license is necessary by law when day care is provided for 3 or more children away from their own homes for less than 24 hours per day in a family home which is operated for such purpose, for compensation or otherwise, for more than 5 hours per week.

In New York State, there may be no more than six children, including the care giver's own, in the home and fewer if infants and toddlers are cared for.

The family day care parent works independently recruiting children for care, setting fees, etc.

Authorized Child Care Agency - This is any social agency, private or public which operates a child care program and is authorized to do so by the New York State Department of Social Services. This includes local county Departments of Social Services who provide child care services. Authorized agencies are required to adhere to State rules and regulations.

Certified Family Day Care Home - a family day care home which is affiliated with an authorized child care agency and is certified or approved to provide family day care by that agency which also provides supervision and referrals of children. Thus, the license to operate is granted by the local agency.

"Illegal" Family Day Care Home - when care is provided for 3 or more children and the home is not licensed, or where more than 6 children under 14 years old are cared for. Note that a family day care parent caring for only two children including her own would not be considered illegal.

Subsidized Family Day Care - when an authorized child care agency such as a local Department of Social Services places children in a family day care home, the agency usually pays for all or part of that care.

Private Family Day Care - a parent whose income is too high to qualify for financial help in paying for day care, makes private arrangements to pay a family day care parent. Parents who have to pay the full cost of family day care are often given no assistance in finding family day care homes and are sometimes excluded from using certified family day care homes.

*Definitions are based on the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Social Services for Family Day Care.
INTRODUCTION

There is increasing evidence that very early experiences have an important effect on the growth and development of human beings. Beginning in infancy, children are heavily influenced by their environment.

The critical period in child development, according to Burton White, Director of the Harvard Laboratory for Human Development, begins at about the age of seven or eight months. By the age of three, children should have acquired the ability to understand most of the language they will use in ordinary conversation throughout their lives. They also have adopted their social styles, including the way they will relate to other children and to adults. By age three, the basic shaping of the child is usually accomplished. When both parents work outside the home and with increasing numbers of single parent families, more parents are sharing the very important early years in their children's lives with surrogate parents. Sometimes the surrogate parents are professionals in child care centers, but more frequently they are family day care providers. A 1973 publication of the U S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare states: 'It is estimated that over 91 percent of all day care services in the United States take place in private home settings commonly referred to as family day care homes.' Family day care is the oldest form of non-parental out-of-home child care in our society. It is the most widespread and it is growing as the demand for child care grows.

Some of the reasons parents give for their preference for family day care are that it is most like the care the parent would give at home and it offers more personal attention. The day care home is usually located in the parent's neighborhood. There is flexibility in hours to accommodate shift workers, commuters' hours, before and after care of school-aged children. Several small children in one family including infants, toddlers and school-aged children can be cared for in one home. Frequently care is available for the slightly ill child.

Over six million children under six years of age are in need of child care. There is little data on the number of school-aged children who need before and after school care, one estimate is 14 million. Just over one million children are cared for in day care centers and family day care homes that are licensed or approved. Where are the rest of the children? Many of school age, come home to empty houses or are just "out" after school. Many are in family day care homes that have not been licensed or approved and where caregivers have no educational or support system.

Quality child care in a family day care home means a care giving environment that ensures that the child's physical needs are met; that the child's sense of belonging to the family of origin is not weakened by the family day care experience, that the child has opportunities to develop relationships of trust and attachment to a small number of familiar adults responsible for his or her own care, that suitable opportunities are available for spontaneous pleasurable learning experiences fostering the growth of the child's developing competencies. The best family day care setting approximates a good natural home. The qualities most parents like to see nurtured in their children are the same whether the child is at home or in a family day care setting.

Caregivers try to care for children the way parents want them cared for. Days are long. In suburban communities, most workers commute for at least an hour to and from work. This means that some children are brought to the caregiver's home as early as six in the morning — right out of bed. In fact, some children complete their night's sleep at the caregiver's home. Then, it's breakfast for the caregiver's family and the day care children who may arrive over a period of two hours. Some school-aged children may come for a while before the school bus picks them up and return after school. Children are in the day care home until parents come for them — sometimes on time, sometimes late. Holidays are usually workdays in family day care. Most family day care providers do not have the benefit of paid holidays, vacations, sick days.
Usually there is a play area in the home where independent play can take place under the supervision of the care giver while she tends to meal preparation and household necessities. The entire home can be an environment for learning as the child helps. Concepts of size, shape and color can be learned as pots and pans are stacked and disassembled. Empty, clean, food containers with no sharp edges can be nested. Concepts of hot, cold, turning on and off, cleanliness, wet and dry can be learned from handling before eating. Language develops as the care giver talks with the child.

Some children may be served two or three meals and two snacks during the time they are at the care giver's home. Depending on the age and need of the child, one or two naps are taken. Some care givers prefer to have children near in age, while others find that a wider age range children learn from each other. Usually children play outdoors part of the time.

Most family day care providers have some toys and play equipment for the children, but they must purchase these items themselves. Some ask parents to provide equipment or to provide food for snacks or meals. There is no allowance for play equipment, consumable supplies, or food. The average range of payment to family day care providers is twenty to twenty-five dollars a week in New York State.

The pilot program described in this report was prompted by a conviction that family day care providers are very important people in the lives of young children and their families. It attempts to build on the strengths of family day care.

The role of Cooperative Extension in this pilot program is that of a friendly and supportive ally and supporter of family day care providers, an educator, a resource, a linker of isolated care givers to each other and to the community human services network, a broker between care givers and families seeking child care, a parent educator.

The basic concept upon which the program was developed is the Extension philosophy of starting with the people where they are and involving them in determining their needs and program goals. Cooperative Extension is a facilitator of learning as well as a teacher and resource. The focus of the program is the family day care provider as a learner, as a person who has much to share with other care givers and from whom there is much to learn.

*New York City rates may differ; a food and equipment allowance may be provided.*
Part I.
THE PILOT PROGRAM

The Storefront Resource Center—Its Beginning

The program is located in Nassau County, a large suburban county on Long Island, adjacent to New York City. Nearly 1,500,000 people live within its 274 square mile area. Because the county is large, a target area was chosen which included the villages of Roosevelt, Freeport, and Uniondale. There are 7,000 children five years of age or under and an additional 20 thousand children aged 6-18 in these three communities. A high percentage of the population receives public assistance, mostly aid to dependent children. The number of working mothers exceeds the national average.

When the program began in 1972, approximately 450 children in the target area were being cared for in a variety of group settings. There were 141 county family day care homes certified by the county Department of Social Services, 34 of which were in the target area. Many children were being cared for through private arrangements with neighbors, friends and relatives.

In order to reach these care givers, a storefront was rented on the main street in Roosevelt. With the help of the Nassau County Cooperative Extension staff and friends, the storefront was scrubbed, curtains were made and toys, books, furniture and equipment were collected. The program director recruited a program aide and a senior citizen aide from the community to help staff the resource center each day from 10-3:30 p.m. As the program expanded, another aide was added.

Except for the relatively few certified care givers in the community, no one seemed to know who was taking care of children. Therefore invitations to visit the center were sent home with kindergarten, first and second grade children. The program staff posted the invitation on community bulletin boards, provided stuffers for supermarket grocery bags, supplied Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program aides and other Cooperative Extension personnel with invitations to extend to their contacts in the neighborhood. And people came.

Weekly Educational Programs

Workshops are held every Wednesday at the storefront. For the first few months handwritten invitations to the workshops were sent to people who had visited the resource center. They were encouraged to bring other care givers with them. As family day care...
The focus is on the family day care provider as a learner who is involved in identifying, planning, and implementing the learning experience. The program director and staff are resource people who provide the environment for and facilitate learning. They may themselves teach, bring other teachers or resource people to the group, or facilitate sharing of the wealth of knowledge that exists among family day care providers themselves.

Trips

Organized trips are an important part of an informal educational program. Places to visit include the firehouse, library, farm, the local park, or a museum. Many free parks offer a variety of facilities. bicycle paths, swimming pools, creative playgrounds, demonstration gardens, children's theater and miniature train rides.

In addition to the learning experiences that these trips provide, everyone has a good time. A family day care parent who had been reluctant to attempt a trip on her own with six children gets a willing, helping hand from another care giver or a member of the program staff. Admission rates are reduced or free for school groups. In the friendly, relaxed environment that is characteristic of all program activities, friendships are formed, good feelings are fostered. And the care givers will often get together with each other and return to places visited or they will explore new places of interest and share their discoveries with each other and the staff.

In Nassau County the police bus is sometimes available free of charge; sometimes a school bus is rented. For local trips, family day care parents are helped to organize car pools. Longer trips are usually planned for school holidays or during the summer to

Workshops and Meetings

The weekly educational program is a two-hour training session that may be led by staff, a family day care parent, or community resource persons from various divisions in the health department, police and fire departments, American Red Cross, consumer agencies, day care center directors and early childhood education specialists, from Cornell and nearby colleges and universities.

Monthly calendars of activities are planned four times a year by the advisory committee to insure that the educational program meets the needs of family day care providers as they perceive them. The informal curriculum is planned to respond to concerns, issues and needs, and to increase knowledge and skills. Subjects cover a wide range of child development and human relations topics, those identified recently have shown a growing sophistication and professionalism. Most sessions are planned as separate entities, although topics are often expanded in later sessions. Much collateral learning takes place during the weekly educational sessions.

Experiential learning is preferred by family day care providers: workshops, discussions, short audiovisual presentations to spark interaction, teaching each other skills, role playing. Many of the weekly programs help to link care givers to the community human services network. Workshop leaders representing the broad spectrum of educational and service agencies teach in their area of expertise, learn about family day care and share information with the family day care parents about how the resources of their organization can serve family day care.

providers came to know the staff and program, the mailing list grew. The monthly calendar and announcements of the program were sent in penalty privilege envelopes.
include the school-aged children. Sometimes family day care fathers or parents of children in family day care go along. When bus transportation is provided for a trip, day care parents call a week prior to the date of the trip and reserve space for themselves and their children. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-serve basis and on that day the phone usually begins to ring as we are unlocking the resource center door! Parents of day care children must sign permission slips, which the care giver brings to the center on the day of the trip.

### Summer Programs

In the summer, school-aged children are in family day care full-time. Care givers often have six children in their homes. Limited size and lack of an adequate cooling system at the pilot program resource center make the use of outdoor facilities necessary. Resource people are invited to lead workshops at the parks. These include sessions on music, nature activities, and parent-made learning materials.

The pilot program has participated in the USDA Free Summer Lunch Program for three years. For eight weeks during the summer, 264 lunches are delivered daily to the resource center. Day care parents, on rotating schedules, help the program staff assemble and distribute the lunches to 40 care givers participating in the program. On the day of a picnic, lunches are distributed at the park rather than at the resource center. Care givers not participating in the lunch program pack their own lunches; snacks and beverages are planned for all the picnickers.

### Loan Closet

It is difficult for family day care providers to afford the equipment necessary for a day care home. Strollers, high chairs, playpens and even cribs are essential in the care of infants and toddlers. The loan closet at the resource center helps meet some of these needs. Day care parents can borrow games, books and small toys that have been donated or purchased at garage sales and thrift shops. The items are loaned at no cost, the care giver is only asked to return them as soon as they are no longer needed.

When something is borrowed, a card is attached to the family day care provider’s card in the program participant file. If an item is not returned after three months, staff calls the care giver to see if it is still in use. Often, equipment travels directly to another care provider without returning to the loan closet.

Caseworkers from the Department of Social Services frequently use the loan closet to assist newly certified family day care parents or those who are unable to travel to the resource center.

### Outreach Efforts

**Teen-Aide Program**

The Teen-Aide Program is an effort to reach family day care givers who cannot attend weekly programs on a regular basis. Recruited from the local community, three teen-aides work as program staff members after school and during summers. They have a combined experience of training in child development and working directly with children in day care homes. Using resources available at the storefront, teen-aides plan activities for a variety of ages. Their home visits are scheduled at the family day care parents’ request.

Although conceived of as a relief for day care mothers, the mothers want to participate. The teen-aide visits are a source of new ideas for day care mothers and are a reinforcement of the regular educational program. In addition to the obvious value
of their aspect of the program, the teen-aides provide a model for teens in the family day care homes and the community in working with young children.

The teen-aides report in writing and evaluate each experience as they attempt to improve the quality of their program and increase their knowledge of children. Their reports are discussed at their training sessions with the program staff. Because the function of program staff is defined as educational and support to family day care, rather than regulation or service, the staff visit homes only when invited by the family day care provider. Thus, they will not be confused with a caseworker.

**Newsletter**

Most of the regular program participants live within fifteen miles of the resource center, though caregivers who live at a great distance visit the program occasionally. To reach these caregivers and provide a vehicle for communication among family day care providers and some parents, the staff prepares a monthly newsletter.

The newsletter is published monthly and is one way of keeping in touch with over 500 caregivers in the county. Day care parents and parents are encouraged to contribute articles or ideas to the newsletter. Format includes a report, usually with pictures, on a special family day care event or program at the resource center, an article on some aspect of child development, a section on tested recipes to help in planning meals for family day care children or ideas for cooking with children and an idea for learning activities.

**Department of Social Services Involvement in Certificate Course**

In cooperation with the Nassau County Department of Social Services, a 16-hour certificate training course is offered. Planned by a committee of family day care mothers and staff from the Department of Social Services and the Cooperative Extension Family Day Care program staff, the course is modeled on the approach to educational programs developed at the resource center. The 8-week course is open to anyone caring for children in a home situation and is offered at two sites, including the resource center. One hundred twenty-five caregivers have completed the course and received their certificates at special ceremonies.

**Working with Parents**

The resource center provides a referral service to parents who want a home setting for child care. Staff explain how the program works and our role in the referral. Information about needs in the care arrangement, details about the children needing care, and other essential information is noted on a referral form.
During the interview, staff assists the parent in determining his or her needs as well as those of the children. Families eligible for subsidized child care are referred to the Department of Social Services. An attempt is made to match the parent with at least two care givers who have requested referrals. The care givers are notified of the parent's interest and if they agree, the parent is given names and phone numbers. The fee is determined by the parent and the care provider based upon the number of hours care will be provided.

Program Advisory Committee

The program advisory committee is one way of insuring that the program meets the needs of participants and promotes community support and understanding. At first the pilot program's program advisory committee was composed of seven interested family day care mothers, a parent using family day care and a community resident employed as an assistant to the director in the New York City Family Day Care Careers Program who had had experience working with advisory groups. The committee helped with program planning, interviewing, and selecting the program aide and choosing representatives to accompany the program specialist when there was an invitation to present the program to various groups.

A formal Board of Directors, with 20 members, is being formed to replace the original committee. Its members will represent a wider range of interests in the community and will include those presently on the advisory committee. A set of guidelines for operation of the board, membership and functions will be developed.

Staff Training

Regular inservice training for staff is prepared by the program director. Much of the staff training is planned around developmental activities and ways of relating to children. When working with children visiting the Resource Center with care givers, the staff models and thus teaches ways of coping with behaviors and activities that may be helpful as care givers plan for children of different ages. Other staff inservice instruction relates to community organization, the formal human and child care services networks and developing social service skills.
Student Involvement

The pilot program was designed to permit involvement of college students who want experience in the field.

Field experience is planned jointly by the student, faculty and pilot program director to meet the objectives of all participants. Day-to-day supervision and professional feedback are provided by the pilot program director. Students report progress against the objectives planned.

Two students worked in the exploratory phase before the pilot program was funded. Three students have participated during the first three years. A student in Human Development and Family Studies was teamed with a teen-aide in the first teen-aide visits to family day care homes. A Communication Arts student helped design a leaflet explaining the program and assisted with the newsletter. A student in Community Service Education spent the summer and a fall semester studying the delivery of social services to family day care. She developed a comprehensive calendar of summer recreation programs offered in the county.

Attracting Program Participants

New program participants are attracted in several ways. Because the program is so visible in the community, many people find us. This is especially true of unlicensed care providers who are not in contact with any type of child care agency. Care givers tell each other about the program, often inviting a friend who then becomes involved in the program.

When Department of Social Services caseworkers certify new homes in the community, they describe the pilot program and urge the care giver to visit the resource center. The Department also sends a list of newly certified homes to the program staff so that these care givers can be added to our mailing list. All receive the monthly newsletters, and those care givers in the communities directly served by the storefront receive a monthly calendar of events and weekly flyers as well.
Part II.
OUTCOMES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Measurements of Community Use

In the first three years, well over 300 caregivers have participated in programs at the resource center, over 4,000 visits by family day care providers, each accompanied by an average of three children, have been recorded.

There have been over 200 visits each month to the resource center by people other than family day care providers. These include parents wanting information or referral services, community service agencies, and interested community residents. Visitors have come from other areas of New York State and from other states.

Improved Self Concept

The self concept of the family day care provider improves when the caregiver and the community begin to understand and value the importance of the caregiver's role. As feelings of self worth and worth of the role are realized, the quality of child care improves. There is concern not only with routine care, health and safety, but also concern for the child's total development, including the relationship with the child's family.

Quotations from caregivers who have participated in the program give evidence of feelings of self worth.

Day Care Mother #1: "I think the program has given the day care mother a status of professionalism. It's not just as a baby-sitter that people refer to us. It has given us a place to meet and air some of our views and problems. I felt isolated before I got involved with the storefront. Now I feel a part of the organization. I feel that I'm a part of something better than just a baby-sitter, let's put it that way. It has given me a sense of significance."

Day Care Mother #2: "I feel that, since becoming affiliated with the resource center, I have been more aware of the facilities available in the community for day care mothers. It has made me more aware of the concept of being a better day care mother. You're able to feel at ease. You know more people, and I feel that being associated with the group has made it possible to feel more at ease in doing my job and because I'm aware that there is a place to go in case I need more help."

Day Care Mother #3: "When someone asked me what I do I say, "I'm employed by the Nassau County Department of Social Services. I'm now a certified day care mother."

There's a feeling you have when something becomes important for you.

Leadership Development

Family day care parents have been involved in decision-making throughout the development of the pilot program. Because of this involvement, leadership abilities have emerged as the program advisory committee grew from an informal group to a formal board with responsibilities and group support. People on the program advisory committee became leaders in organizing the county family day care providers association.

Other Opportunities for Family Day Care Parents

The Day Care Council of Nassau County has supported or initiated many efforts to reach family day care providers and draw them into the formal network of child care. Two serve on the council's board of directors. Through the council's efforts, family day care providers were included in a free three-credit child development course offered to child care workers by a local university. Four family day care mothers completed the course with child care center staff.

Another university, SUNY at Farmingdale, provided eight weeks of advanced training in early childhood education to 40 family day care parents who had completed the eight-week certificate training course. This was a prerequisite to a 3-credit course in early childhood education in which over 50 family day care mothers are presently enrolled.

Future Directions

By the end of year five, the pilot program should be self-sustaining, built into the ongoing programs of County Cooperative Extension, Department of Social Services and the county's human service and child care network.

In year four, the program is on target. The Nassau County Family Day Care Association is organized and functioning. Nassau County Cooperative Extension Association has committed substantial staff time to family day care as has the Department of Social Services. Community agencies make regular input. Years four and five are being funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.
Formal Evaluation

A formal evaluation of the program was conducted by an independent evaluator early in 1975 in accordance with the multi-level approach of Claude Bennet. Extension Service-USDA.

To measure knowledge gain, a 15-item pre- and post-test was designed by the evaluator. It was tested with two groups of family day care mothers before being used with family day care mothers enrolled in the third certificate training course. Participants showed a statistically significant improvement in their scores at the 05 level.

In-depth interviews were made with a representative sample of family day care givers who participated in the pilot program and to a control group of family day care givers. There was a significant difference on two dimensions in response between the program and the control groups. The questionnaires developed in the pilot program are available for further testing, refinement, and use by replicators. The comprehensive report, Family Day Care: A Cooperative Extension Pilot Program, contains the complete evaluation and instruments used.

The in-depth interviews revealed the following:

Family day care provides care in a family environment usually in intact families. The average care giver in the sample who had participated in the pilot program was in her thirties, had graduated from high school and had 2 children of her own. She had been in family day care for 48 years and had been a resident of Nassau County for 41 percent of her life. She had an average of two or three day care children in her home. The occupation of the major wage earner was on the level of skilled manual employees. The average care giver in the control group in a nearby county was older and somewhat less well educated than the program participants. She had a low income based on the occupation of the main wage earner in the household. Family day care providers in both the program and the control groups indicated a high degree of job satisfaction.

Some of the observable results are that family day care mothers, when involved in developing their own program and when offered particular resources, respond positively. They come to educational meetings and social events. They learn. They get to know other day care mothers, and become less isolated. They become more aware of how common the occupation is in the county. They perceive their jobs as more than just "baby-sitting."
Part III
RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPING SIMILAR PROGRAMS

This section of the report is intended to assist people interested in replicating the pilot program in whole or in part. For further information a comprehensive report has been prepared and is available from Barbara A Pine Cooperative Extension Specialist Family Day Care 300 Hempstead Turnpike West Hempstead, New York 11552

Copies have been placed by Extension Service USDA in libraries in the Land-Grant College system, in offices of Cooperative Extension Directors, State Leaders and Family Life Specialists.

An 80 slide, script, cassette program with a discussion guide tells the program story. It may be purchased for thirty-two dollars ($32) or rented by states east of the Mississippi at five dollars ($5) for two days. Please specify if request is for rent or sale. Order from Learning With Love, Family Day Care Virtual Communication Office 412 Roberts Hall Cornell University Ithaca, New York 14853

Requests for further information, for program presentations or on-site training may be made to Barbara A Pine.

The resources contained in this section include.

1. An Approach to Assessing Community Needs and Resources
2. Family Day Care Pilot Program Components
3. A Worksheet to Assist in an Inventory of Resources and Alternatives
4. Content of the Weekly Educational Program and Resource Person Over Three Years
5. Certificate Course Outline and List of Class Materials Distributed
6. Some Helpful Reference Materials Used in the Pilot Program
7. Children's Books Loaned to Care Givers

1. Assessing Your Community Needs and Resources

The following list of questions is designed to assist people developing similar programs in determining the situation in the community and the need for child care services. Sources of this information may be U.S. Census data, labor and employment service data, annual school district census, State and County Department of Social Services (or welfare), State and County Departments of Education and Health, representatives to the State Legislature, child caring organizations and agencies, community leaders.

1. What is your community like?
   - rural - urban - suburban
   - size
   - population - density and distribution
   - transportation
   - dwelling types

2. What is the need for child care services?
   - number of working parents
   - number of preschool children
   - number of school-age children
   - areas of residence
   - hours of work
   - location and hours of schools
   - main employers
     - one
     - several
     - many

3. Is there an organized child care agency such as a Day Care Council or 4-C group in your community?

4. Are there federal, state or local regulations governing the provision of child care?
   - for group care
   - for family day care
   - for group family day care homes

5. Is there publicly subsidized child care in your community?
   - administered by whom
   - who is eligible

6. What child care options are available to working parents in your community?
   - private non-profit day care centers
   - private profit day care centers
   - Head Start
   - licensed, certified or registered family day care homes
   - unlicensed or private family day care homes
   - group family day care homes
   - private nursery schools
   - after-school group programs
   - pre-kindergarten
7 Is every parent who wants or needs quality child care able to obtain it?
8 Is there an information and referral system for parents seeking child care?
9 What are the service agencies and community resources available?
   educational agencies
   universities and colleges
   medical resources
   recreational facilities
10 How widespread and strong is community interest in child care?
   In developing support for family day care?
   What can you do—if you care about children?

2. Family Day Care Pilot Program Components

Operating out of a highly visible storefront resource center, this successful multi-faceted program has been developed with family day care providers. The program has been aided by the Department of Social Services staff, the Day Care Council of Nassau County, and other community services agencies. Elements of the program are

- maintenance of a community based resource center for family day care providers
- providing a meeting place for family day care parents to share ideas and experiences daily
- cooperating with the Nassau County Department of Social Services to offer a 16-hour Certificate Training Course to family day care parents
- conducting an informal educational program planned with family day care parents—including meetings, workshops and trips to community resources
- offering planned activities for children while care providers attend training
- cooperating with the Day Care Council of Nassau County to encourage support of family day care
- providing training in child development to teen aides who work with children in family day care homes
- publishing a monthly newsletter to provide communication between family day care providers and parents which is mailed to over 400 people in Nassau County
- assisting parents in exploring child care options
- serving as a “matchmaker” between parents seeking family day care and family day care providers
- working with many community agencies to encourage support of family day care
- helping family day care providers gain access to the existing community human services network.
### Description and Average Costs (Annual) for Pilot Program Components with Planning Aids for Replicating Agencies

**Worksheet for Replicators**

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<td><strong>Staff</strong></td>
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<td>4 sheet (7 pages and cover page) reproduced by photo-offset 600 copies printed monthly at an average cost of $35/month penalty privilege mailing pictures - $10/month</td>
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<td>• duplicate with stencil • hand deliver • use penalty privilege of bulk rate mail rates where available • include paid advertisements or classified section • charge nominal fee to cover costs • find existing newsletter reaching parents &amp; add family day care page • seek financial support from: child care council colleges local businesses community agencies • use the many community resource persons available at no cost • hold training sessions at a day care center and include children in classroom activities • assist participants to form carpools • use public transportation, request group rates • use school buses • plan walking tours to nearby places of interest • ask local schools and day care centers for information about trips they take</td>
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4. Cooperative Extension Family Day Care Program - Topics for Weekly Meetings

All programs are based upon expressed concerns of family day care providers.

- **TOPIC**
  - Child Development - Health and Safety, Physical
    - Sickle Cell Anemia Program & Mini-Clinic for screening Children's Illnesses
    - Children's Eyesight - discussion and film screening clinic
    - What to do in an Emergency - Certificate Courses
    - Teach Your Children How to Deal with Strangers and Potential Harm
    - Lead Poisoning Educational Program
    - Lead Poisoning Screening, blood test clinic at the storefront
    - Outdoor Play and Ideas for Activities
  - Child Development - General
    - Infant and Toddlers
    - Child Care and Child Abuse
    - How Children Grow and Develop
    - Guiding Children's Behavior
    - Sex Education and Young Children
    - Music and Children - held at Roosevelt Park
    - Growth & Development of the Child from 6 - 11 Years
  - Enriching Experiences for School-Aged Children in Your Day Care Home

- **LEADER**
  - Sickle Cell Project
    - Public Health Nurse & Pediatric Nurse-Practitioner
  - Family Day Care Program Staff
    - Family Day Care Program Staff, Fire Marshall, Red Cross
    - Police Department
    - Health Department
  - Health Department
    - Family Day Care Program Staff
  - Cornell Faculty
    - Pediatrician and Protective Services Caseworkers
    - Department of Social Services
    - Staff Development and Cooperative Extension Staff
    - Cornell Faculty and Cooperative Extension Staff, FDC Program Staff
    - Cooperative Extension Staff
    - Early Childhood Consultant
    - Cooperative Extension Staff and Family Day Care Program Staff
  - Cooperative Extension Staff and Family Day Care Program Staff
  - Family Day Care Program Staff
    - Family Day Care Parent
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    - 4-H Staff
    - Family Day Care Program Staff
    - Early Childhood Consultant
    - Family Day Care Program Staff
    - Family Day Care Program Staff
Parent-made Materials to Foster Perceptual Development

Soft Toys to Make With Children - at Consumer Home Economics Center

Food and Nutrition

"Jenny is a Good Thing" and creative food experiments with children

"Feeding Little Folks" - meal planning and preparation of snacks

"Getting the Most From Your Food Dollar"
"Cooking With Kids"

"How Much Food Do Young Children Need"
Plant Your Own Mini and Maxi Gardens

Community Resources - Parks Mobile Units

Puppet Show
Mini Mobile
Sportsmobile
Craftmobile
Skatemobile

Visits to Community Resources

Freeport Library - Stories and activities for children - workshop for parents
Picnic - Roosevelt Park
Bronx Zoo
Picnic - Eisenhower Park
Lollipop (animal) Farm
Walking Trips Around Town
Pumpkin Farm
Visit to Christmas Display (animated) at Nursery
American Museum of Natural History
Easter Egg Hunt at Roosevelt Park
New York Aquarium and Coney Island
Adventurer's Inn - Amusement Park
Marine Wetlands
Long Island Game Farm
Picnic - Randall Park
Beach Combing at Lido Beach
Family Day Care Morning at Roosevelt Library
Finding and Using Community Resources

Flushing Hall of Science
Consumer Home Economics Center
Hempstead Harbor Park

About Family Day Care

Business Concerns - Income Tax Deductions
Planning the Day Care Day

Early Childhood Consultant
Consumer Home Economics Center Staff

Cooperative Extension Staff and Family Day Care Program Staff

Cooperative Extension Staff and EFNEP Staff

Cooperative Extension Staff
Cooperative Extension Staff and Family Day Care Program Staff
Cooperative Extension Staff
EFNEP Staff

4-H Staff
Cornell Student and Cooperative Extension Staff

Family Day Care Program Staff
Family Day Care Program Staff
Department of Social Services Case Worker Answering Questions Regarding Certification

Informal Discussion About Family Day Care Involving the Entire Family in Family Day Care What is Family Day Care?

Welcome New Family Day Care Mothers in the Community Coffee Hour Discussion of Proposed Changes in Family Day Care Regulations - Preparation for Hearing Parenting - a Family Day Care Father's View

Child Development - Social and Emotional "Parents Have Feelings Too" Sex Discrimination Handling Children's Fears About Separation School-Aged Children - The Importance of Friends

Miscellaneous Informal coffee hours - welcome Pool Party and Picnic at Family Day Care Parent's Home Planning program Planning meeting for Christmas Party Children's Christmas Party - Annual Swap and Shop of Children's Toys and Clothing Planning meeting for State Family Day Care Conference Extension Showcase Know Your Consumer Rights Bridging the Communication Gap Between Home and School

Child Development - Cognitive Choosing Books and Storytelling with Children Helping Children Develop Perceptual Skills
5. Certificate Training Course

The 16 hour certificate course was designed cooperatively by family day care providers, Cooperative Extension Program Staff and Staff Development Personnel in the Department of Social Services. The course has been presented to 9 groups of family day care parents, the focus varies to meet the needs of each specific group of participants within the common elements. Leaders for individual sessions have been Department of Social Services staff, Family Day Care Program staff, Cooperative Extension staff, Cornell University faculty or resource persons from the community. Each participant is given a resource folder in which to keep class notes and teaching materials distributed. People who complete the course are awarded a certificate signed by the Director of Cooperative Extension and the Commissioner of Social Services for Nassau County. Representatives of the cooperating sponsors participate in the graduation ceremony and present the certificates.

An outline of the training course with a list of related program materials follows. It is only an outline but we hope it offers some ideas for lesson planning.

8-week Certificate Training Course for Family Day Care Parents Outline

Session I
Family Day Care - Overview and Orientation to Course
What is Family Day Care?
Licensed vs Unlicensed Family Day Care
Roles of Family Day Care Provider
- Parent - Consumer
- Supervising Agency
Training - its relevance to family day care providers

Leaders: Family Day Care Program Staff or Department of Social Services Staff

Session II
The Department of Social Services and Family Day Care
Rules and Regulations
Certification of Family Day Care Home
Organization of the Department of Social Services
How the Department of Social Services Serves the Community
Protective Services
Homemakers Services
Family Assistance
Child Care
Roles of the Department of Social Services in Family Day Care

Leader: Department of Social Services, Unit Supervisor, Family Day Care

Session III
What to do in an Emergency?
Safety in the Home
Fire Prevention
Prevention of Accidents
Teaching Safety to Children
Toy Safety
Emergency First Aid for Burns, Bleeding, Asphyxiation, Poisoning

Leaders: Red Cross Safety Instructor, Fire Commissioner, Cooperative Extension Family Day Care Program Staff

Session IV
How Children Develop
Development From Birth to 5
Environmental Effects
Physical, Social, Emotional, Cognitive
Sequential Process
Individual Differences

Leaders: Department of Social Services Staff, Cooperative Extension Staff, Family Day Care Program Staff

Session V
Activities Which Foster Children’s Growth and Development
Discussion on development
- Physical
- Social
- Emotional
- Cognitive
Discussion about how children learn
- By modelling
- Through their 5 senses
Workshop - participants are involved in a variety of creative experiences using materials found in most homes

Leader: Family Day Care Program Staff

Session VI
Guiding Children’s Behavior
Definition of Discipline
Definition of Punishment
Discipline Techniques
Group Problem Solving

Leaders: Cornell University Faculty, Cooperative Extension Staff, Family Day Care Program Staff
Session VII
Sex Education and the Young Child
Definition of Sex Education
Using Age-Appropriate Terms
Handling Sex Education with Family Day Care
Children
Using Books as an Aid to Sex Education
Sex Roles and Sex Role Stereotyping
Leader: Cooperative Extension Staff

Session VIII
Activities That Foster Children's Growth and Development
Provision of time for family day care parents to relate their experiences with activities they have planned with their children during the past 4 weeks
Food and learning experiences
Participation workshop
Educational trips in the community
planning trips related activities
Leader: Family Day Care Program Staff

All of the above sessions are group discussions centered around the participants as learner and teacher, etc.

Alphabetical List of Training Materials Distributed to Family Day Care Certificate Training Course Participants

“Children Can Learn So Many Things From Food”, class materials prepared by Family Day Care Program Staff.
“Children's Art”, Brittain, W. Lambert, An Extension Publication of the New York State College of Human Ecology, Cornell University. Order from Mail Box, Building 7, Research Park, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853. Single copies are free to New York State residents; additional copies 20¢ each.

Dear Mom and Dad: Lead Poisoning is a Very Serious Sickness”, National Paint and Coatings Association, Inc., 1500 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20005, free.
“Discipline”, class materials prepared by Judith Elkin, Cooperative Extension Association of Nassau County, (Adapted from Child Guidance Techniques, a Pacific Northwest Extension Publication.)
“Early Years - Ages and Stages”, class materials prepared by the staff of the Nassau County Department of Social Services Staff Development and Cooperative Extension Family Day Care Program

Emergency Telephone Sticker - printed for program participants

“Exceptional Person and the Family”, a bibliography compiled by Age Level Services, Nassau County Library System.

“Family Day Care Homes: Rules and Regulations of the New York State Department of Social Services and Guidelines Providing Interpretation of These Rules and Regulations”, New York State Department of Social Services, 1450 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203.
“First Aid For the Family”, a reference card, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Health and Welfare Division, One Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10010, free.
“Home Safety Checklist”, class materials prepared by Family Day Care Program Staff.
“How Your Child Learns About Sex”, Carroll, Nancy, Young Mother’s Consultant, Ross Laboratories, Columbus, Ohio 43216, 20¢.
“Human Sexuality, Books for Everyone”, SIECUS, Sex Information and Education Council of the U. S., 1866 Broadway, New York, New York 10023, Single Copy free, 2-49 copies at 10¢, 50 or more copies at 5¢.
“I Won’t! I Won’t!” Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Health and Welfare Division, One Madison Avenue, New York, New York, 10010, free.
“Isn’t It Wonderful How Babies Learn!”, Blossom, Marilyn, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65201

“Nassau County Department of Health, Nassau County Department of Health, 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, New York 11501

“Organization Chart of the Nassau County Department of Social Services”, prepared by the staff of the Children’s Bureau, Nassau County Department of Social Services

“Panic or Plan”, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Health and Welfare Division, One Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10010

“Play as Learning”, Baldwin, Cara P. and Bayer, Helen T M., An Extension Publication of the New York State College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, order from Mailing Room, Building 7, Research Park, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853, 25c

“Principles for Child Guidance”, Waring, Ethel B., An Extension Publication of the New York State College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, order from Mailing Room, Building 7, Research Park, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853, single copies free to residents of New York State; additional copies 25c each.

Recipes for Fun”, Cole, Ann, et. al., PAR Project, 464 Central, Northfield, Illinois 60093, $2.00 per copy, 1-9 copies; $1.25 per copy, 10-24 copies; $1.00 per copy, 25-199 copies; $75 per copy, 200 or more copies; $20 per copy for resale

“Resource Books in Sex Education”, a bibliography prepared by Judith Elkin, Cooperative Extension Association of Nassau County.


“What Can We Do Today, Mommy?”, Educational Research Council of America, Psychology Department, Educational Research Council of America, Rockefeller Building, Cleveland, Ohio 41113, 90c.

6. Some Helpful Reference Materials

- Books - Pamphlets - Visual Material - Children’s Books

- Uses in pilot program.
- Staff development
- General reference
- Family day care training materials
- Loan to family day care providers

Day Care General

Alternatives in Quality Child Care:
- A guide for Thinking and Planning
- Day Care and Child Development Council
- Day Care. Resources for Decisions
- Edith H. Grotberg
- Guide to the Assessment of Day Care Services and Needs at the Community Level
- Richard B. Zamoff
- School Age Child Care
- Gertrude L. Hoffman
- Windows on Day Care. A Report on the Findings of Members of the National Council of Jewish Women on Day Care Needs and Services in Their Communities
- Mary Dublin Keyserling

General Child Development

- Baby and Child Care
- Benjamin Spock
- Between Parent and Child
- Hain G. Ginott
- Between Parent and Teenager
- Hain G. Ginott
- Child Sense
- William E. Homan
- Childhood and Adolescence
- Joseph Stone and Joseph Church
- The Conspiracy Against Childhood
- Eda LeShan
- The Magic Years
- Selma H. Fraiberg
Sex Education

Bodies
Barbara Brenner

Facts About Sex for Today's Youth
Sol Gordon

Girls and Sex
Wardell B. Pomeroy

How Babies Are Made
Andrew C. Andry and Steven Schepp

Sex - Telling It Straight
Eric W. Johnson

Sexism in Education
The Emma Willard Task Force of Education

Your Child and Sex: A Guide for Parents
Wardell B. Pomeroy

Activities for Workshops

Creative Food Experiences for Children
Mary T. Goodwin

The Good for Me Cookbook
Karen B. Croft

I Saw a Purple Cow and 100 Other Recipes for Learning
Cole, Haas, Bushnell and Weinberger PAR Project

Making Things - The Handbook of Creative Discovery
Ann Wiseman

Montessori on a Limited Budget
Elvira Farrow and Carol Hill

More Recipes for Fun

Cole, Haas, Bushnell and Weinberger PAR Project

Recipes for Busy Little Hands
Doreen Croft

Recipes for Fun in English and Spanish
Cole, Haas, Bushnell and Weinberger PAR Project

Recipes for Holiday Fun
Cole, Haas, Bushnell and Weinberger PAR Project

The Scrap Book. A Collection of Activities for Preschoolers
Friends of Perry Nursery School

Suzy Prudden's Creative Fitness for Baby and Child
Suzy Prudden and Jeffery Sussman

What to Do When There's Nothing to Do
Elizabeth M. Gregg and Boston Children's Medical Center Staff

Training

Day Care Aides: A Guide for In-Service Training
National Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers

Helps for Day Care Workers: A Lap to Sit on and Much More
Association for Childhood Education International

Working with Young Children
Jennifer Birckmayer

Health and Safety

First Aid (Fourth Edition)
The American National Red Cross

Early Childhood

Education of Children Aged One to Three: A Curriculum Manual
Catholic University of America

Play - The Child Strives Toward Self Realization
National Association of the Education of Young Children

Starting Out Right: Choosing Books About Black People for Young Children
Bettye L. Latimer

What is Music for Young Children
Elizabeth Jones

Family Day Care

Family Day Care, Some Observations
Minta M. Saunders and Mary Elizabeth Keister

A Family Day Care Study
Day Care and Child Development Council of America, Inc.

A Guide for Day Care Mothers
Carol N. Doty

A Guide to Family Day Care
County of Westchester, Department of Social Services

I'm Not Just a Babysitter. A Descriptive Report of the Community Family Day Care Project
June S. Sale

I'm Not Just a Sitter
Community Family Day Care Project, Pacific Oaks College

Open the Door. See the People
Community Family Day Care Project, Pacific Oaks College

See list of pamphlets provided to participants in Family Day Care Parents Certificate Training Course
Some Visual Materials We Have Used

What is Family Day Care? (film), Film Library, Roberts Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853
Toys and Activities for the Pre-School Child, (filmstrip), J. C. Penney Co
Helping Parents in Decision Making in Day Care, (set of filmstrips), Pacific Oaks College, Pasadena, CA.
Working With Children in Day Care, (set of filmstrips), Day Care and Child Development Council of America, 1012 Fourteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005
Exploring Childhood, (entire curriculum), Education Development Center, Social Studies Programs, 15 Mifflin Place, Cambridge, MA 02138
Joyful Noises (film), Jennifer Birckmayer, Cornell University Film Library, Roberts Hall
Come Out and Play (slides/script/cassette/workbook), Jennifer Birckmayer, Cornell University Film Library, Roberts Hall

Other Sources of Visuals Are:
Head Start Films,
Public Libraries
College and University Libraries
Various Community Educational Resources

7. Children's Books

The following are children's books loaned to day care parents and parents to reinforce training session themes. Some were purchased as they are not always available at local libraries.

A Baby Sitter for Frances: Russel Hoban
All Alone with Daddy: Joan Fassler
Bedtime for Frances: Russel Hoban
Bread and Jam for Frances: Russel Hoban
Busy People: Joe Kaufman
Charlotte's Web: E. B. White
Coleen-The Question Girl: Arlie Russell Hochschild
Crow Boy: Taro Yashima
Don't Worry, Dear: Joan Fassler
Grandpa: Barbara Borack
I Have Feelings: Terry Berger
I'll Fix Anthony: Judith Viorst
Just Think: Miles and Blos
Let's Be Enemies: Janice May Udry
Lisa and Her Soundless World: Edna S. Levine
Mothers Can Do Anything: Joe Lasker
My Mama Says There Aren't Any: Judith Viorst
One Little Girl: Joan Fassler
One Morning in Maine: Robert McCloskey
Over, Under and Through: Tana Hoban
Phoebe's Revolt: Natalie Babbitt
Push-Pull-Empty-Full: Tana Hoban
Snow: McKie and Eastman
Stuart Little: E. B. White
Sunflowers for Tina: Anne Norris Baldwin
Tell Me a Mitzi: Lore Segal
The Boy With A Problem: Joan Fassler
The Dragon and the Doctor: Barbara Danish
The Indoor and Outdoor Grow-It Book: Sam Sinclair Baker
The Man in the House: Joan Fassler
The Little Duster: Bill Charmatz
The Sneaky Machine: Marguerita Rudolph
The Tenth Good Thing: Judith Viorst
Things I Hate: Wittels and Greisman
Umbrella: Tara Yashima
We Are Having a Baby: Viki Holland
What Can She Be?: Gloria and Esther Goldreich
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What Can She Be?: Gloria and Esther Goldreich
William's Doll: Charlotte Zolotow
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New York State Department of Social Services. Family Day Care Home Rules and Regulations of the New York State Department of Social Services, Guidelines Providing Interpretation of These Rules and Regulations. 1971.

Pamphlet describing program and a visit to the program. The Women's Educational and Industrial Union; 264 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116, 1971.


What Day Care Mothers Want To Know - Guidelines For a Pre-Service Or In-Service Educational Program For Family Day Care Mothers. Educational Day Care Consultant Program, R534 School of Education Building, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. A mimeo report. 1972.