

The care offered by Misawa's licensed FCC providers is based on current knowledge of child development and early childhood education. Providers offer a nurturing home environment that supports each child's development in a family setting located in the Misawa AB community. Our homes offer life experiences where children learn through play and active hands-on involvement with a caring professional guiding the daily activities.

Care options for children ages two weeks to 12 years of age include full-time, part-time, hourly/drop-in, before and after school, weekend, overnight, and care for shift workers.



### Extended Duty Care

Extended duty care offers additional child care services when they are needed due to mission-related responsibilities. You may be eligible if you are required to work beyond the 40-hour work week and are already purchasing 50 hours of child care. "At least one parent must be a member of the U.S. military service (active duty, reserve, or be a guard member on active duty), be dual employed (married to a civilian), or be a DoD civilian employee or contractor." Interested parents must contact the FCC coordinator for information on qualifications and required paperwork. The parent must provide written verification of need from his/her supervisors. Fees are waived until further notice.

### PCS/Volunteer Care

The Air Force Aid Society recognizes the importance of volunteers to the Air Force community and pays up to \$280 per month per family of free child care for Air Force spouses who desire to volunteer in official organizations at Misawa. All Air Force personnel who PCS in or out of Misawa are eligible for 20 free hours of child care per child within 60 days of their arrival/departure. Members need to take a copy of their orders to the Airman & Family Readiness Center, who will give the member a certificate for the free 20 hours. For more information regarding these two programs please contact the Airman & Family Readiness Center at 226-4735.

### Returning Home Care

Welcome home to those returning from recent deployments! If you were deployed for 30 days or more, the FCC program is pleased to offer you and your family 16 hours of free child care per child under age 12. This service is open to all ranks and branches and is good only during the first 30 days after returning to Misawa.

### SUBSIDY

The FCC subsidy program will help working parents find high quality and affordable child care services. Parents seeking full-time child care services will be set in one of the six categories based on the family's total annual income and will pay the same rates in FCC homes as they would at one of the child care centers or school age programs at Misawa. Families eligible for the subsidy program at Misawa are active duty members and DoD employees who are on the waiting list for the child development center. Additionally, the subsidy program is offered to dependents with special needs and dependents needing child care services during swing and midnight shifts.

For more information on the program, to get a copy of the current listings of licensed providers, or to obtain a license, please visit the FCC office in Bldg. 697. Call 226-CARE (2273) for more information.

# Have you thought about Misawa's Family Child Care program for your child?



**An alternative to center-based child care**

**Family Child Care Office Hours**  
Mon - Fri • 7:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Closed weekends, PACAF family days,  
and federal holidays

**Bldg. 697  
226-CARE**



# Welcome to the Misawa Family Child Care Program!

Licensed providers make a difference in the lives of children by providing high quality and affordable child care in a home setting.



A Family Child Care (FCC) home is a base home approved by the Mission Support Group Commander to provide child care services to military families and civilians. The FCC program provides you with the opportunity to manage your own business, set your own hours and fees, and provide quality in-home child care while caring for your own children.

We need providers who are willing to take care of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school age children, and children with special needs, such as asthma, allergies, cerebral palsy, and physical impairments, etc. We also need providers to be available evenings, weekends, swing and midnight shifts, and for extended duty hours.

The FCC program accepts children and providers with chronic health problems including HIV positive individuals.

The FCC program offers an extensive, free equipment and supply resource center that provides you everything you need to get started and maintain your business free of charge.

## Licensing Requirements

- Must be 18 years old
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Must be able to speak, read, and write English
- Must have good mental and physical health (health assessment)
- Must pass a comprehensive background check (including family members)
- Must have \$300,000 home liability coverage
- Must have current immunization and pet health certificate (if applicable)
- Must complete an orientation program prior to licensing
- Must fulfill on-going training requirements

Any individuals caring for other families' children a total of more than 10 hours a week on a regular basis must be licensed to provide care in on-base quarters



## Procedures to Obtain a License

- Complete application and return to the FCC office along with high school diploma
- Complete home interview
- Complete reference verification through FCC staff and agency checks by Security Forces, Family Housing, Family Advocacy Life Skills and AFOSI
- Obtain letter of recommendation from sponsor's commander/first sergeant and letter of clearance from school for any child over 12 years
- Complete program orientation training
- Set up home environment and complete final inspections by Fire, Public Health, Safety, and FCC coordinators
- FCC Panel reviews applicant's record when all steps for licensing are completed

The FCC Panel makes licensing recommendations to the Mission Support Group (MSG) Commander. Only the MSG Commander can approve, disapprove, suspend or revoke a license.