

Sample Start-up Costs for Homes



You will incur some one-time costs just to get your business started. Listed below are some of the costs you might incur. You will need to research what your specific costs will be. In this example, the home is licensed for eight children on the first shift - five pre-school and three after-school.

Expense Item	
Child Care Costs	
Educational Supplies/Equipment (toys,books,etc.)	\$500
Other	
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Marketing Costs	
Business Cards, Flyers	100
Website	0
Other	
Furniture & Fixtures, Improvements	
Fencing	1,500
Indoor Furniture/Equipment (mats, cribs, smoke detector, fire extinguisher, CD player, etc.)	700
Outdoor Equipment/Furniture (playground equip., etc.)	2,000
Kitchen Equipment/Supplies	0
Housekeeping Equipment/Supplies	100
Office Furniture	100
Renovation/Building Costs	*
Other	
Administrative Expenses	
Licensing /Fees	50
Insurance (hazard, liability, vehicle, bonding)	50
Legal/Accounting Fees	250
Professional Development (CPR, etc.)	60
Other	225
Working Capital (3 months)	2,427
Subtotal One-time Costs	8,062
Contingency (15%)	1,209
Total One-time Costs	\$9,271

* Renovations to meet licensing requirements and building costs will vary. Expenses for a home may be minimal, but if extensive renovations are required, they may be more than you anticipated.

Data Source: Good Work and Self-Help

Determining Costs (Homes) – Child Care Business Basics
 (www.self-help.org/ccbb)

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