



Candace's Child Care

Ortonville, MN



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Primary Contact:

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Background & Basic Info

Candace's Child Care is owned and operated by Candace Wilson. Candace knew she always wanted to start her own child care. She worked at multiple child care centers before finally opening her family child care in 2023. Candace enjoys the freedom working by herself as her own boss has given her. She takes pride in offering quality child care to the Ortonville area.

Building

Candace's Child Care is a family-based child care in Ortonville. Candace has a unique set up in that she rents a side-by-side duplex. One of the duplexes is her home and the one next to it is where she operates her child care business. They have a shared lawn.



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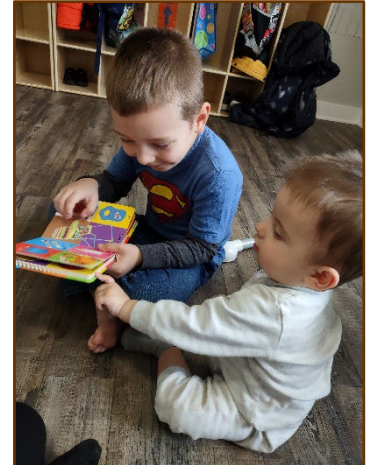
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Schedule

Candace’s Child Care operates Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Food

Candace provides breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack. Tuition fees go towards the cost of food. Candace prepares and serves the food herself.



Enrollment & Fees

Enrollment

Candace is licensed for 10 children. Of these 10, she can have a maximum of six children under five years old, no more than three can be infants and toddlers, no more than two infants. She is licensed through Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Age Range	Number of Children Enrolled
Infants	0
Toddlers	3
Preschoolers	3
School-age	2
Total	8

Fees

Contract	Fee
Weekly Full Time: scheduled >15 hours (3 days/week)	\$150.00
Weekly Part Time: scheduled 10-15 hours (2 days/week)	\$125.00
Drop-in: <10 hours/week (must be flexible)	\$5.00/hour

Staff

Candace is self-employed and currently does not hire any other staff.

Financing

Start Up Costs

Highchairs, tables, cribs, bookshelf, toys, toy shelves, balance bikes, floor mats, emergency items, fence, comfy seating, sandbox, office supplies, and art supplies totaled up to \$7,488. These costs were covered by the Big Stone County Family Services Child Care Provider Grant, Wayfinder Grant, and Candace’s parents.

Budget

Monthly Operating Expenses	Amount
Rent	\$900
Utilities	\$150
Supplies	\$150
Groceries	\$750



Revenue

Candace's revenue comes from child care fees and grants. Annual revenue provides enough profit for Candace to sustain her business.

Challenges and Successes

Challenges

One of the challenges Candace faced when starting up her child care business was getting the yard in order and in line with regulations. She already had a fence in place around her yard, but needed an additional 15 feet of fence in one area and she needed to clean up rocks. Community members assisted her in getting this completed.

Learning how to apply and use grants was also another challenge for Candace. With the help from Big Stone County she has been able to tackle this obstacle.

Successes

Candace said her biggest success was how quickly she was able to get the child care up and running. It took only 140 days from the time she decided she wanted to move forward with operating her own child care to her first day of operation.

