

The Nurturing Nest Family Child Care Parent Welcome Letter

Dear Parents,

I want to welcome your family into my home. What I offer to you and your child is much more than just a baby-sitting service. I offer an extended family support system that nurtures all of us. A unique family child care setting that caters to the emotional and developmental needs of all children. I provide nurturing, loving care in a professional manner.

It is often difficult for working parents to balance all the commitments and responsibilities in their lives. When your child is at my home, you will receive peace of mind knowing that your child is being loved and taken care of much in the same fashion that you yourself would provide. I offer a safe, loving environment where your child will be accepted, loved, nurtured, and stimulated. Somewhere you know that your child will be respected and will be able to be a "kid".

I have always known growing up that I wanted to teach children, but I didn't know in what capacity until I discovered Early Childhood Education. While attending, Daemen College, majoring in Special Education, I did my student teaching at the Cantalician Center for Learning. I knew then I wanted to be a teacher to young children, but at the same time, I also wanted to be a mom and stay at home with my children. A friend introduced me to the world of family child care and it was then that I realized I had found the perfect combination. I could be a mother and a teacher at the same time.

I opened my family child care business in December 1990 when my first child was only 4 months old. That was almost 18 years ago and since then I have become very involved with this profession. I attend regular workshops and trainings at Child Care Solutions and I am a member of several professional associations including the National Association for Family Child Care, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the Family Child Care Association of New York State (former Secretary), the New York State Association for the Education of Young Children, and the Family Child Care Association of Onondaga County (past President).

I will use my knowledge to offer stimulating, developmental activities when your child is ready for them. They include music and movement, outdoor play, practical life and sensory activities, arts and crafts, pre-reading and pre-math skills, quiet story and sharing times, manipulative, dramatic play, and lots of laughter.

I strive to meet your child's physical, intellectual, social, and emotional needs. I feel children learn best in a loving, organized, natural learning environment. Your child will learn something new everyday by being a part of our extended family. Your child will learn important values such as patience, sharing, responsibility, compassion for self and others, communication, and teamwork. He will also learn the basics of education such as recognizing his alphabet, numbers, colors, shapes, and how to paint, play with dough, cut with scissors, color with crayons, and the beginning stages of reading. He will always be encouraged to use his imagination while creating artwork, manipulating his own ideas and thoughts on paper, or other concrete materials.

My commitment to you starts with your commitment to me. For this support system to thrive, we must have open, honest communication. Please feel free to share with me your concerns, problems, and situations that will affect your child.

To help my child care business operate smoothly, you will need to comply with my policies and contract which are in this parent folder. Please look them over carefully as it is important that you are aware of all my policies. I want you to be able to make your decision about child care based on the terms that I provide.

I am looking forward to working with you to provide the best possible care for your child.

Yours truly,
Julie Glanton
The Nurturing Nest
Family Child Care