

HOW TO APPLY ONLINE FOR A CHILD CARE FACILITY LICENSE

INTRODUCTION

This guide provides instructions on how to apply online for a license to operate a child care facility using the Child Care Administration, Regulation and Enforcement System (CARES).

You must create a **CARES** account to begin the application process. If you do not have a **CARES** account, see the **How to Create a CARES** Account guide for instructions on how to create one.

Use this guide to help navigate through the application process for child care licensure with the Department of Children and Families.

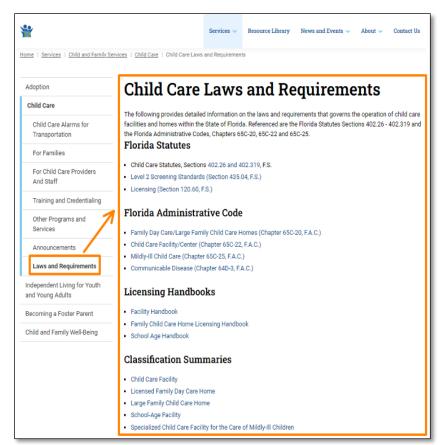
Not sure where to begin?

Visit the <u>Department of Children &</u> <u>Families - Child Care - Laws &</u> <u>Requirements website</u> to view a list of available forms.

Your local licensing counselor is available to assist with any questions you may have regarding licensing requirements or the application process.

Are you subject to licensure?

Complete the <u>Child Care Licensing</u> <u>Questionnaire</u> to find out if you are required to be licensed with DCF.



GETTING STARTED

Review the requirements for <u>Opening a Licensed Child Care Facility</u> before you begin the online application process.

Once you are ready to fill out the online application, login in to **CARES** to access the child care facility application.

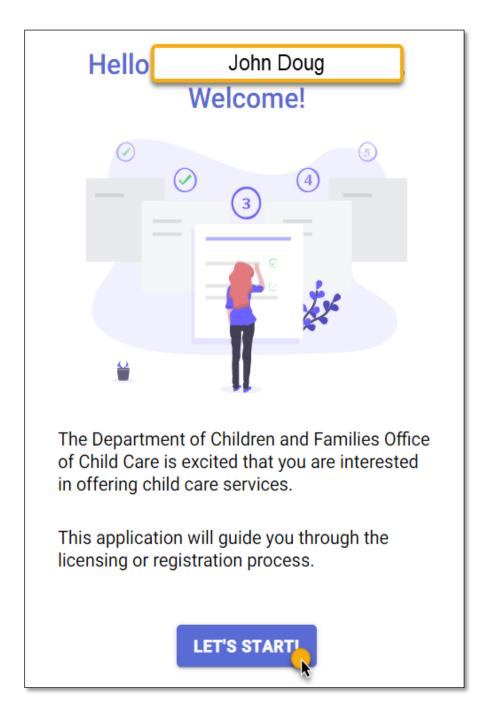
- Enter your **Email** address
- Enter your **Password**
- Select Log In

Child Care Administration, Reg and Enforcement System	
LOGIN	
_{Email} doejohndoug@gmail.com	
Password	
Forgot	t Password?
CREATE ACCOUNT	NEED HELP?

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If this is your first time applying for a child care facility license, you will be greeted with a home screen to begin the process.

• Select Let's Start to proceed.



QUESTIONNAIRE

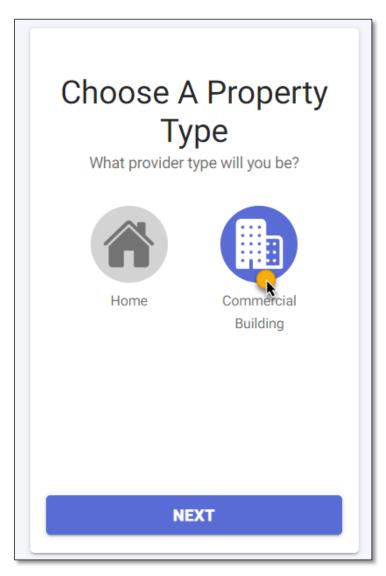
The application process begins with a **Questionnaire** consisting of four questions regarding the child care facility.

Based on responses to the **Questionnaire**, you will be provided with the recommended application for your child care facility license.

Question 1: On the Property Type page, select <u>one</u> of the options available for child care facility types.

• Select **Commercial Building**, if the child care facility is at a commercial setting.

Once you have selected a **Property Type**, select **NEXT**.



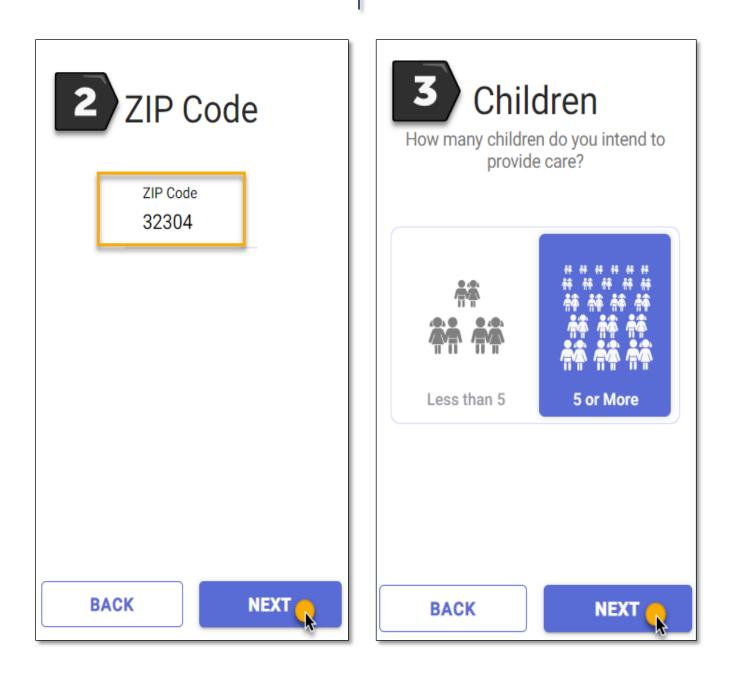
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Question 2: On the Zip Code page, enter the Zip Code where the child care facility is located.

Select **NEXT**.

Question 3: On the Number of Children page, select 5 or More children as the number of children for whom you intend to provide care.

Select NEXT.



Question 4: Select Yes or No if you intend to care for children with disabilities.

Once you have selected an answer, select NEXT.



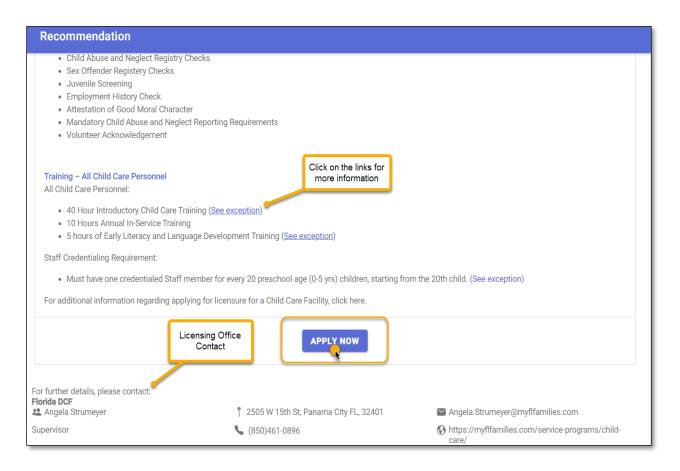
RECOMMENDATION

Base on your responses to the **Questionnaire**, the **Recommendation** page will display the appropriate application to use for a child care facility license.

The **Recommendation** page also provides a summary of requirements that must be completed in order to be licensed. For more information on what is required, see <u>Opening a Licensed Child Care Facility</u> for licensing requirements.

If you have questions regarding licensing requirements or the application, contact the **Licensing Contact** listed for your area. The **Licensing Contact** is displayed at the bottom of the **Recommendation** page.

To proceed to the application, select **APPLY NOW**.



WHO IS APPLYING?

On the **Applicant** page, select <u>one</u> option to indicate who is applying for the license.

- Select, "I am the owner and applicant," if you are the owner of the child care facility.
- Select, "I am the owner's designated representative," if you are the designated representative applying on behalf of the owner(s).

Once you have selected an option, select **NEXT: PROVIDER PROFILE**.

		BUSINESS HOURS	SERVICES	OWNERSHIP	PEOPLE	DOCUMENTS	BACKGROUNI
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		CI	nild Care	Facility			
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		applicant					
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PROVIDER

On the **Provider** page, enter the child care facility details in the required fields.

• Enter the Name or Doing Business As of the child care facility.

Name	Name of Business Abc Learning Center
	Doing Business As (Optional)

- Enter the **Physical Address** of the child care facility. Select the **(+)** icon to add a **Mailing Address**, if the address is different from the **Physical Address**. Addresses will be verified to ensure accuracy based on SmartyStreets' recommendations. SmartyStreets is a USPS and international address validation service.
- Select Yes or No on the question- Is the owner's house adjacent to the Physical Address?

Address	Address 500 Appleyard Dr	
Physical	^{City} Tallahassee	
	State FL	ZIP Code 32304
	Leon -	
Add	Mailing Address (if different from phy	vsical)
Is the own	ner's house adjacent to the phys	ical address?
O Ye	es	
N	0	
Note: If the h background	nouse is adjacent to the business, the ov checks.	wner's family members must also clear

- Enter the **Landline** phone number of the child care facility. Select the **(+)** icon to provide additional phone numbers such as cell phone, work phone, or fax number.
- Enter the **Primary Email Address** of the child care facility. Select the **(+)** icon to provide additional email addresses.
- If the child care facility has a **website**, enter the website's URL.

Phone	Landline	(555) 555-5555	Ext
	Add I	Phone (Optional)	
Email	Primary	abclearningcenter@gmail.com	
	Add I	Email (Optional)	
Website		earningcenter.com re people can find details about your services	

• On the **Program Sub-Type** section, select <u>one</u> option that best describes the child care facility.

If you are not sure which option to select, contact the Licensing Contact in your area.

	gram Type answer the questions below so that we can determine how your program is classified.
\bigcirc	Domestic Violence My business will provide crisis intervention and support services to adult victims of domestic violence and their children.
0	Drop In My business is in a shopping mall or business establishment where a child is in care for no more than a 4-hour period and the parent remains on the premises of the shopping mall or business establishment at all times.
0	Birth to SA My business will serve children ages birth through school age.
0	School Age Only My business will serve only school-aged children (5 years and above) in a before- and after - school or out-of-school time program.
0	Indoor Recreational My business is an indoor commercial facility which is established for the primary purpose of entertaining children in a planned fitness environment through equipment, games, and activities in conjunction with food service and which provides child care for a child no more than four hours on any one day.

Once you have selected a Program Sub-Type, select SAVE & CONTINUE.

Program Details	Program Type Child Care Facility	
	License Type Licensed	
	Program Sub-Type Birth to SA	>
	BACK SAVE & CONTINUE	

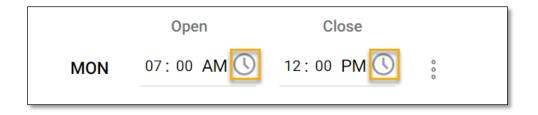
BUSINESS HOURS

On the **Business Hours** page, select <u>one</u> option for **Operational Months** to indicate when the child care facility will be open.

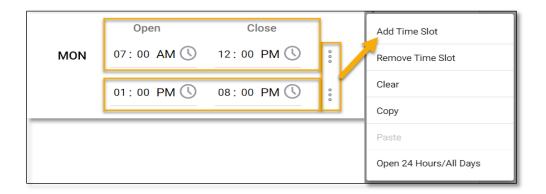
- Select **School Year**, if the child care facility is open and serving children during the School Year only and fewer than 12 months.
- Select **Summer**, if the child care facility is open and serving children during the Summer months only and fewer than 12 months.
- Select **Migrant Season**, if the child care facility is open and serving children during a Seasonal period only and fewer than 12 months.
- Select Year Round, if the child care facility is open and serving children year-round (12 months).

Operational Months			
School Year	Summer	Migrant Season	Year Round
Operating year-round			×

• Enter the operational hours of the child care facility for each day. Use the clock icon or manually enter the open and close hours of the child care facility.



• If the child care facility opens and closes on different timeframes during the day, select the ellipsis next to the **Days and Hours** field and select **Add Time Slot**.



• If the child care facility is closed on specific days, select the ellipsis next to the **Days and Hours** field and select **Remove Time Slot**.

Once you have entered the child care facility's operating days and hours, select SAVE & CONTINUE.

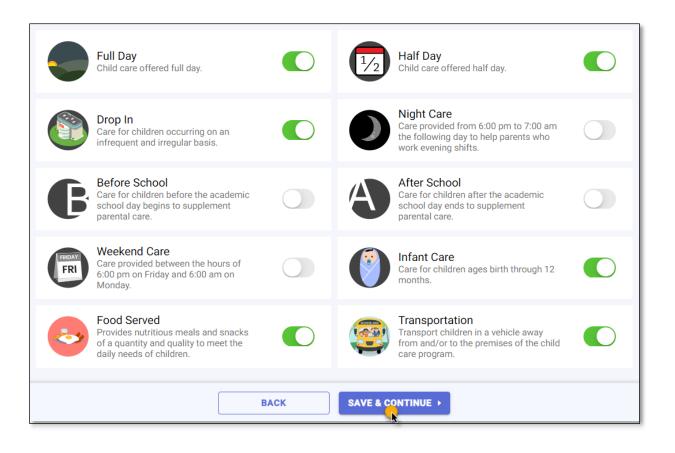
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SERVICES

On the **Services** page, you must select at <u>least one</u> service you intend to provide from the available options.

• Toggle the icon to the right to indicate that you will be providing the service.

Once you have indicated the service(s) you intend to provide, select **SAVE & CONTINUE**.



OWNERSHIP

On the **Ownership** page, select **Incorporated** or **Unincorporated** as the **Incorporation Status** of the child care facility.

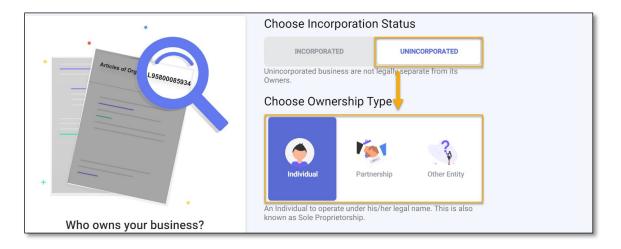
Choose Incorporation Status					
INCORPORATED	UNINCORPORATED				
Unincorporated business are not Owners.	Unincorporated business are not legally separate from its Owners.				

If the child care facility is **Incorporated** and registered with the <u>Department of State - Division of</u> <u>Corporations</u>, enter the **Document Number** on the search bar and select **Search** to find the business details. If the business details are not found, manually enter the information.

Once you have entered the details, select **SAVE & CONTINUE**.

*	Choose Corporation Type
Articles of Crg L95800085934	INCORPORATED UNINCORPORATED Incorporation is the process or legally declaring a corporate entity as separate from its owner(s). This means you have registered your business with the
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	Designated Represetative
	BACK SAVE & CONTINUE

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If the child care facility is **Unincorporated**, select <u>one</u> **Ownership Type**.

If the child care facility is owned by a single person, select **Individual** as the **Ownership Type** and enter the owner(s) details.

• Select the Add Owner (+) icon and provide the owner's information on the Person Detail page.

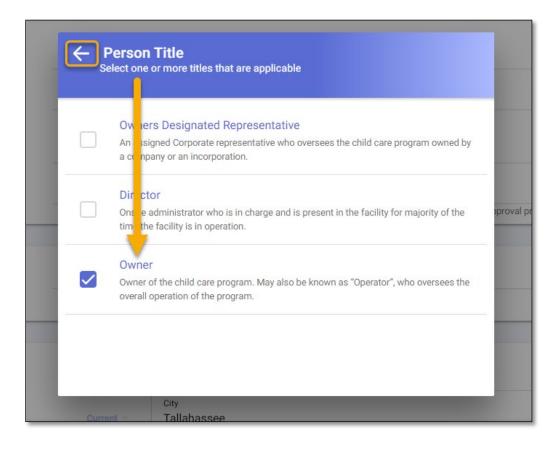
Choose Owne	rship Type			
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Individual	Partnership	Other Entity		
An Individual to operation known as Sole Proprie		name. This is also		
Owner				
Martha Lucille Owner				
Choose the + button to the above list).	o add a new person as	s owner, (not noted in	+ Add Owne	er

On the **Person Detail** page, enter the owner's information on the required fields.

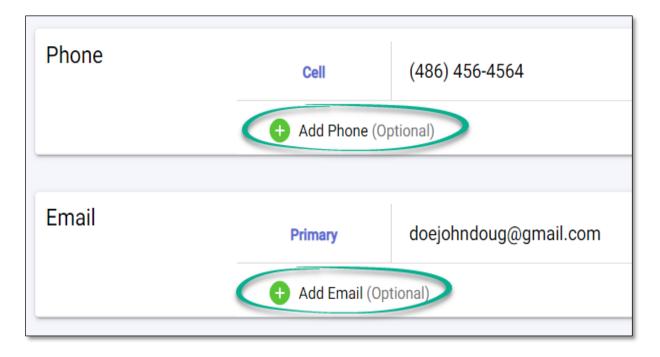
- Enter the person's **First** and **Last** name
- Enter the person's **Date of Birth**
- Enter the person's **Social Security Number**

Name	Full Name John Doug
	Previous Name(s)
	Including maiden name. If more than one name, separate them with commas.
	Date of Birth 12/22/1982
	Social Security Number 000-00-0000
	SSN is used for background screening purposes. Incorrect SSN will delay the verification and licensing approval process.

• Select **Owner** as the person's **Title** and select the back arrow to return to the **Person Detail** page.



- Enter the person's **Phone** number. Select the plus (+) icon to provide additional phone numbers.
- Enter the person's **Email** address. Select the plus (+) icon to provide additional email addresses.



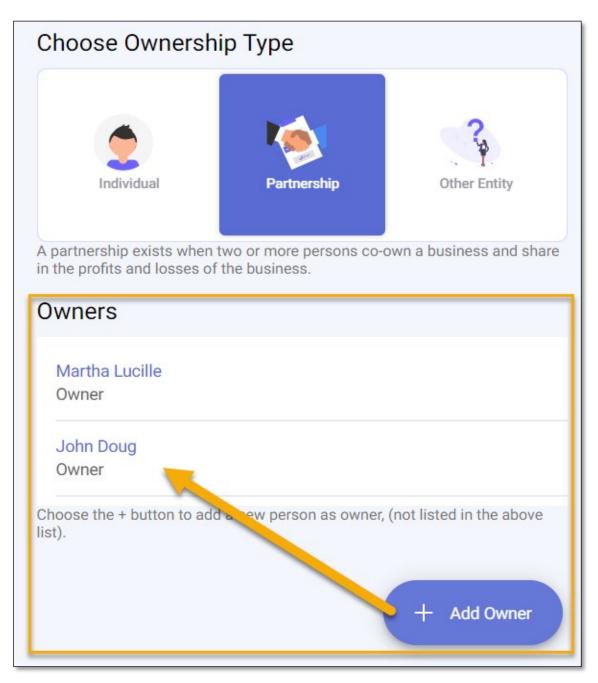
• Select Yes or No, if the person has a child care training account with DCF.

Training & Credentials	It is mandatory that all required training must be completed before the application is approved. Please provide your Student ID issued by DCF.
	Do you have a StudentID?
	⊖ Yes
	No I don't have a Student ID or don't remember it.
	CANCEL

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If the child care facility has two or more owners, select **Partnership** as the **Ownership Type** and enter the details.

• Select the Add Owner (+) icon and provide each owner's information on the Person Detail page.



If the child care facility is owned by an organization such as a School Board or Religious Entity, select **Other Entity** as the **Ownership Type**.

- Enter the Name of the Entity
- Enter the Name of the Designated Representative
- Enter the entity's Address
- Enter the entity's **Phone** number
- Enter the entity's **Email** address

Once you have entered the child care facility's ownership details, select SAVE & CONTINUE.

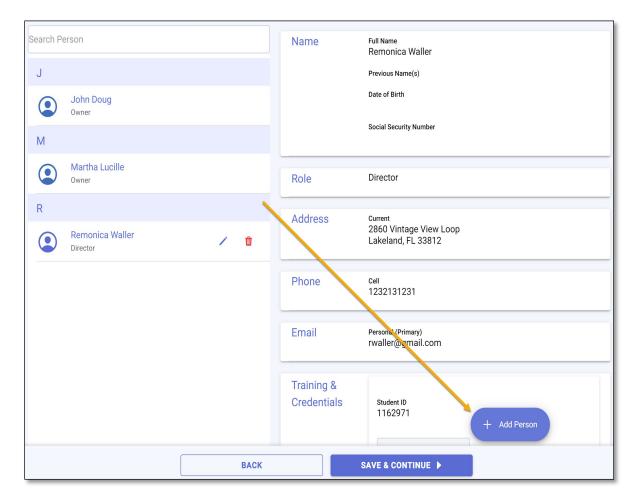
Choose Ownership Type				
Individual	Partnership		er Entity	
other Entity Details	Sensor Bourds, raid	r bused pre	gramo and	
Name & Represent Name of Entity School Board Designated Representative John Doug	tative			
Address	Address 500 Appleya	rd Dr		
Physical	_{City} Tallahassee			
	State FL	ZIP cod 32304		
Phone Landline	(424) 524-52	254	Ext	
Email	schoolboard	@gmail.o	com	
BACK SAVE & CONTINUE >				

PEOPLE

On the **People** page, add the individuals who are employed at the child care facility.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Individuals who are required to be background screened must have their background screening completed in order to submit the application. See <u>Opening a Licensed Child Care Facility</u> for more information on who is required to be background screened.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A licensed child care facility is required to have a **Director** with an active Director's Credential (not expired). See <u>Director Credential</u>, for more information on Director requirements and how to apply for or renew a credential.



• Select the Add Person (+) icon to add an employee.

On the **Person Detail** page, enter the employee's information in the required fields.

- Enter the person's **First** and **Last** name
- Enter the person's **Date of Birth**
- Enter the person's **Social Security Number**

Name	Full Name John Doug
	Previous Name(s)
	Including maiden name. If more than one name, separate them with commas.
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• Select the person's **Title** and select the back arrow to return to the **Person Detail** page. If the person has multiple **Titles**, select all that apply.



- Enter the employee's training information on the Training & Credentials section.
- Enter the employee's (student) <u>DCF Child Care Training Account</u> Student ID on the search bar.
- Select **Search** to locate the employee's training information.

TRAINING NOT FOUND?

If the employee's training information cannot be found, ensure the **Student ID** number matches the number on the employee's <u>DCF Child Care Training Account</u>.

If the number is correct and the information is still not found, contact the **Child Care Training Information Center** at **1 (888) 352-2842** for assistance.

Training & Credentials	It is mandatory that all required training must be completed before the application is approved. Please provide your Student ID issued by DCF.
	I don't have a Student ID or don't remember it.
	Find By StudentID
	1162971 This is an assigned number found on your Child Care Training account when you register with the Florida Department of Children and Families.
	StudentID 1162971
	Director Credential
	Staff Credential
	40 Hours Training ~
	Early Literacy Training
	CANCEL

• Select **SAVE** to return to the **People** page.

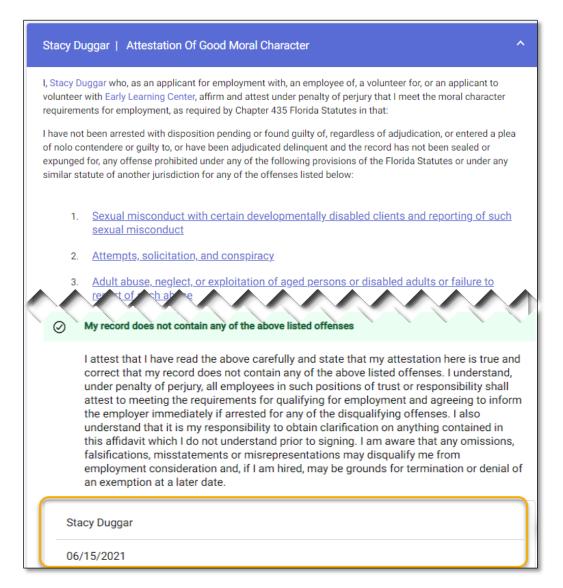
Once all personnel and training information is entered, select SAVE & CONTINUE.

Remonica Waller / 🕯	Address	Current 2860 Vintage View Loop Lakeland, FL 33812		
	Phone	Cell 1232131231		
	Email	Personal (Primary) rwaller@gmail.com		
	Training & Credentials	Student ID 1162971 + Add Person		
BACK SAVE & CONTINUE >				

DOCUMENTS

Each owner and employee entered on the **People** page must acknowledge the **Attestation of Good Moral Character** and the **Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting** forms in order to proceed with the application process. These documents serve as part of the background screening process for licensure.

- Select each form to view the form details.
- Enter your **name** and the **date** it was reviewed and acknowledged.



Employment History. You must provide employment history for each person entered on the **People** page. This can be done by completing the online form or by uploading employment history information.

- Select the Employment History form for each person and provide their employment history.
- Enter the Employment Start and End Date, if applicable.
- Enter the previous employer's name, address, phone and email as well as the position held and the supervisor information.
- Enter the reason for leaving along with a brief description of the job duties.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY List below all employment held during the previous 5 years which at a minimum must include the last three jobs	0 Attachments	•		
Abc Academy (January 2020 - May 2021)	Optional: Attach documents that supplement the employement history (Example: Reference letter, letter of appreciation etc.)			
Pineview Elementary (January 2016 - December 2020)	John Doug January 2020 - May 2021 Employment Status			
	Employed Period of Employment January 2020 - May 2021			
	Employer Details	Reason For Leaving		
	Abc Academy Position Held	Reason For Leaving Facility Closed Job Duties		
	Teacher	Created teaching plans.		
	^{Work} 1403 Betton Rd Tallahassee, FL 32308			

Local Zoning Approval. You must provide proof of local zoning approval. You may attest that your facility's zoning is approved by uploading an approval document from the local government entity or attesting that you have obtained such documents by digitally signing the self-attestation.

Once you have selected and completed one of the options, select the back arrow to return to the Documents page.

CONING ATTESTATION Approval from local HOA/Landlord acknowledging their responsibility for compliance	Attachments O
The department requires providers to obtain approval from the local government entity, HOA,	Optional: Attach documents that supplement of self attestation
and/or Landlord, or sign an attestation acknowledging their responsibility for ensuring compliance with their local government entities, HOA, and/or Landlord.	Martha Lucille Zoning - Self Attestation Form ^
Approval or attestation documents must be submitted as part of the application. The approval can be in the form of a letter on letterhead or an official form from the local qovernment entity, HOA,	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLY WITH ZONING-BUILDING CODE/HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION/LANDLORD
and/or Landlord.	By signing below, I, Martha Lucille applicant of Early Learning Center, attest that I understand that I am responsible for obtaining any required approvals from the local government entity (including the zoning-building
Local Government	code office), Homeowner's Association (if applicable), landlord (if applicable) and any other interested entity prior to operating even through a license has been issued by the Department of Children and Families (the "Department") to operate a Child Care Facility, Family Dav Care Home.
Homeowners Association >	I also understand that the Department's issuance of a license is not proof that I have obtained the necessary
Landlord >	and required consents and/or permits that may be required for operation of my business from the local government entity, HOA, Landlord, and/or other interested entity.
✓ Self-Attestation >	I also acknowledge and agree that if I am issued a license to operate a Child Care Facility, Family Day Care
One of the above documents must be provided.	Home, or Large Family Day Care Home by the Department without the necessary approval(s), I will not hold the Department liable if the local government entity, HOA, Landlord, and/or other interested entity imposes a fine or closes my business for non-compliance with their requirements.
	Martha Lucille
	06/15/2021

IMPORTANT NOTE: All forms must have a green check mark to move to the next section of the application.

The f	CUMENTS ollowing documents must be submitted with the cation	Attachments Attachments
	Attestation of Good Moral Character	Optional: Attach documents that supplement Attestation of Good Moral Character
~	Self attestation by the signee that there are no violations / arrests / pending litigation that involves the disqualifying offenses.	Stacy Duggar Attestation Of Good Moral Character
~	Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Acknowledgement of receipt of information and understanding of the statutory requirements for mandatory reports of child abuse and neglect to the Florida Abuse Hotline.	I, Stacy Duggar who, as an applicant for employment with, an employee of, a volunteer for, or an applicant to volunteer with Early Learning Center, affirm and attest under penalty of perjury that I meet the moral character requirements for employment, as required by Chapter 435 Florida Statutes in that: I have not been arrested with disposition pending or found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, or have been adjudicated delinquent and the record has not been sealed or expunged for, any offense prohibited under any of the following provisions of the Florida Statutes or under any
~	Employment History Validation of the person's employment history to determine the person's work ethic and childcare experience.	similar statute of another jurisdiction for any of the offenses listed below: 1. Sexual misconduct with certain developmentally disabled clients and reporting of such sexual misconduct
~	Zoning - Building HOA/Landlord Attestation Approval from local HOA/landlord > acknowledging their responsibility for compliance.	 Attempts, solicitation, and conspiracy. Adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults or failure to report of such abuse
	, ·	4. Murder 5. Sexual misconduct with certain mental health patients and reporting of such sexual misconduct

BACKGROUND CHECK

You must provide the background screening results on the **Background Check** page for each person required to be background screened.

The **Background Check** page provides answers to frequently asked questions regarding the background screening process and provides a list of locations where you can get fingerprinted.

Frequently Asked Questions	
How do I register with AHCA?	~
Who is required to have a Fingerprint Check?	×
What is a Juvenile Records Check?	Select the v question to
Where do I go to get fingerprinted?	 view the answer.
LiveScan service providers approved by the FDLE can get fingerprints and submit the results to FD providers near your business address: Find Live Scan Locations	LE electronically. Below are the LiveScan
1317 Winewood Blvd Ste 6, Tallahassee, FL, 32399	Q
Use an addresses or ZIP Code to find LiveScan providers within 50 mile radius	
Florida Department of Juvenile Justice 2737 Centerview Dr	
BACK	T: SUMMARY

The **Background Check** page also provides you with the ORI and OCA numbers needed to complete the background screening process for you and your employee(s). You will need these numbers in order to register an account for your child care facility using the **Agency for Health Care Administration's** (AHCA) website and complete the background screening process.

For more information on Background Screening, see the <u>Background Screening Website</u> or call the Background Screening Center to speak to an agent.

ou will need this nu	umber, in order to register your facility account in the AHCA portal.
Business Name	
'our business name as i	t appears on your application.
DRI#	
DCFGN10Z	
ORI stands for Originatin more]	g Agency Identifier Number. These numbers explain the need for the background check with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and where to send
DCA# D2370546Z	

Once you have the results for you and your employee(s), enter the background screening status and the completed date for each person listed.

Once you have entered the results for each person, select **NEXT: SUMMARY**.

Comp	ete Level 2 Background Screening		
The people in the list below must complete Level 2 Background Screening and enter status here. Please update the status of each person as appropriate. This is required to submit the application.			
Fingerp	int Status		
~	Martha Lucille Cleared 04/14/2020	1	
~	John Doug Cleared 05/18/2021	/	
~	Remonica Waller Cleared 05/18/2021	/	

APPLICATION REVIEW AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Review the information entered on each section to ensure it is correct and complete.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You **will not** be able to proceed to the **Application Submission** page, if a section(s) is not complete.

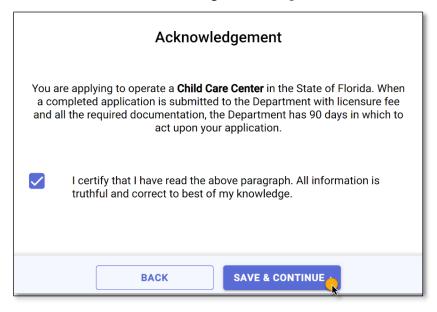
If you need to edit a section, select the **Pencil** icon next to the section you wish to revise.

Once all sections are complete, select SAVE & CONTINUE for each section(s) you revised.

PROVIDER PROFILE	
Name of Business Abc Learning Center	
Doing Business as	
Address	
^{Main} 500 Appleyard Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32304	

In order to submit the application, you must first acknowledge that the information you have provided is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

• Select the check box to **acknowledge** the message and select **SAVE & CONTINUE**.



APPLICATION SUBMISSION & TRACKING

To submit the application to the licensing office in your area, select the **SUBMIT** option on the **Application Submission** page.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Once you submit your application, you will not be able to make any edits.

Submit Your Application				
Your documents are ready for submission. Click the Submit button to finish.				
BACK				

Once you have submitted your application, you will be able to track its progress from your account **Dashboard**.

The **Dashboard** displays the number of application(s) you have created, the date you submitted the application, the number of days it has been since you applied, and the application status.

If you have questions regarding the application process or your application status, contact the local licensing office and speak to a licensing counselor.

MUTERANILISSEEM	DASHBOARD	Q SEARCH	PROVIDERS	NOTIFICATION	FORMS	MORE
Application						*
Applicatio	on					
Submitted Date		Name				
05/21/2021 90 days		Abc Learning Child Care Facility Submitted				
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ONLINE PAYMENTS

Once your application is determined to be complete, the final step is to pay the licensure fee.

When the licensing office is ready for your payment, you will receive a notification that a payment is due.

To make a payment online with a credit/debit card, login into your CARES account and select the **PAY** option next to your application.

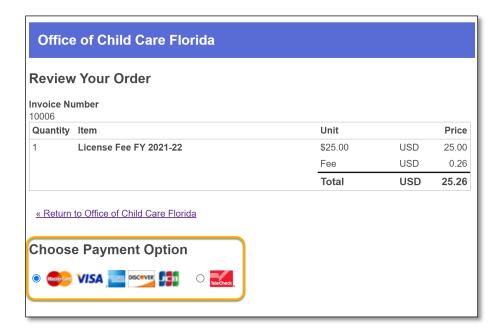
You will be routed to the **Invoice** page, which shows a summary of the amount due. To proceed, select **Pay Invoice**.

<u>IMPORTANT NOTE</u>: Online payment amounts include an automatic convenience fee of 1% of the total licensure amount due.

← Invoice				
Invoice #10006 Invoice Date: 04/01/2021 Status: Due				
Attention Carl Wethers Exempt Child Care Facility DCF ID: C02GA5970 Wells@fargo.com				
Carl Wethers, your application for a license to open a exempt child care facility has been approved. As a reminder, your license fee is due now. If you have any questions, please contact support@cares.com				
DESCRIPTION	TOTAL			
License Fee FY 2021-22	\$25.00			
Total Due	\$25.00			
Payment is due				

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Select the option to make a payment with debit/credit card.



Enter the debit/credit card information in the required fields and select **Submit**.

Credit Card Payment	123 Main Ste
Cardholder Name	City
John Doug	Tallahassee
Credit Card Number	State/Province
1111223212122222	Florida
Expiry Date (MMYY)	ZIP/Postal Code 32301
1225	Country
Security Code	United States ✓
123	Email
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