

Turning Determination Into Opportunity: Annastaca's Journey to Family Child Care Licensing



For more than a year, Annastaca worked toward a dream: building a family child care business from her home and creating a nurturing environment for young children and their families.

Like many aspiring child care providers, her path was not always straightforward. A series of setbacks made it difficult to consistently devote the time and energy needed to complete the licensing process. Despite those challenges, Annastaca remained committed to her goal.

Realizing that she could use some guidance, Annastaca reconnected with the Early Childhood Resource Center and was ready to move forward. Working alongside Danielle Kern, one of our Early Childhood Specialists, she began tackling the steps necessary to become a licensed family child care provider.

Together, they completed and submitted the required application paperwork. From there, the partnership continued. Danielle helped Annastaca secure the materials needed for her program, and they worked collaboratively to prepare a learning environment designed to support children's growth and development.

The process required persistence, attention to detail, and a willingness to overcome obstacles along the way. With guidance and encouragement from Danielle and the Early Childhood Resource Center, Annastaca stayed focused on her goal.

Her hard work paid off. After completing her licensing visit, Annastaca received official approval for her family child care license. Soon afterward, she opened her doors and began serving local families.

Annastaca's story demonstrates the impact that personalized support can have on individuals working to enter the early childhood profession. Family child care providers play a critical role in helping parents access reliable care while giving young children a strong start in life.

Through coaching, technical assistance, training, and one-on-one support, the Early Childhood Resource Center helps aspiring providers navigate the licensing process and build quality programs that strengthen their communities.

When dedicated individuals are equipped with the right guidance and resources, goals that once seemed out of reach can become reality. Today, Annastaca is doing the work she set out to do, caring for children, supporting families, and growing the small business she worked so hard to build.

The Early Childhood Resource Center serves families, educators, and communities across Ohio as one of the state's designated Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, serving Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, and Trumbull counties. Learn more at <https://www.ecresourcecenter.org>.