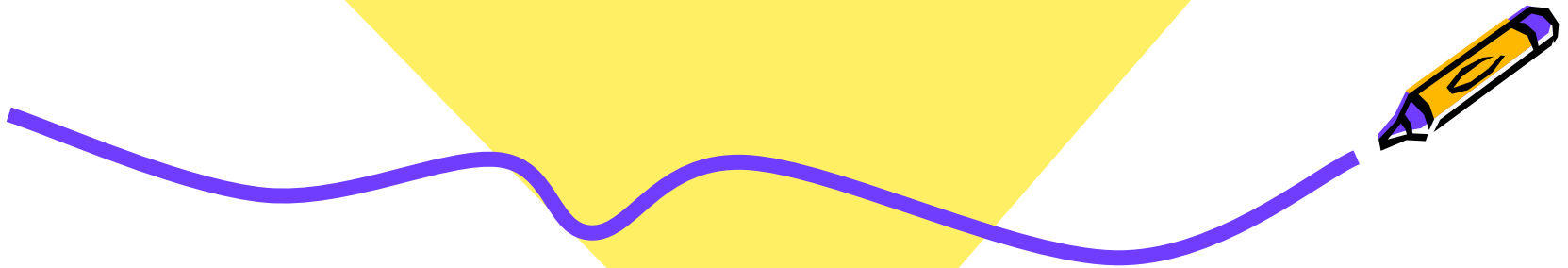


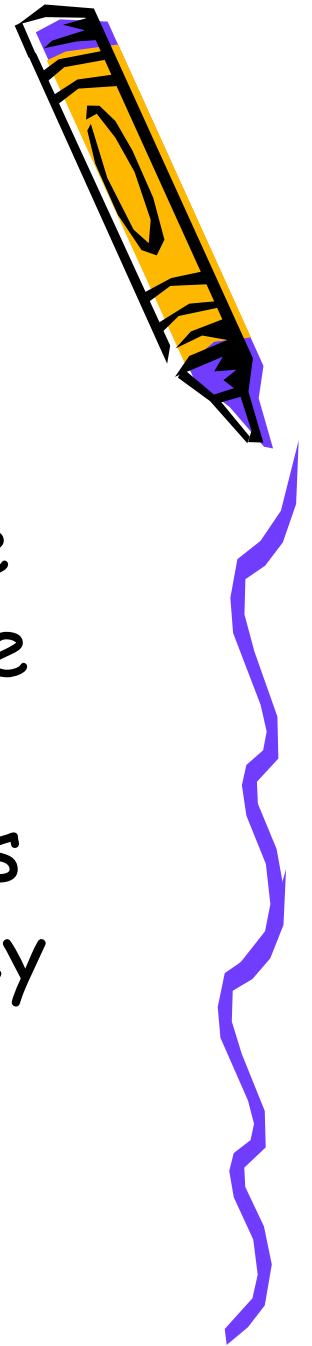
# Becoming an Approved Child Care Provider

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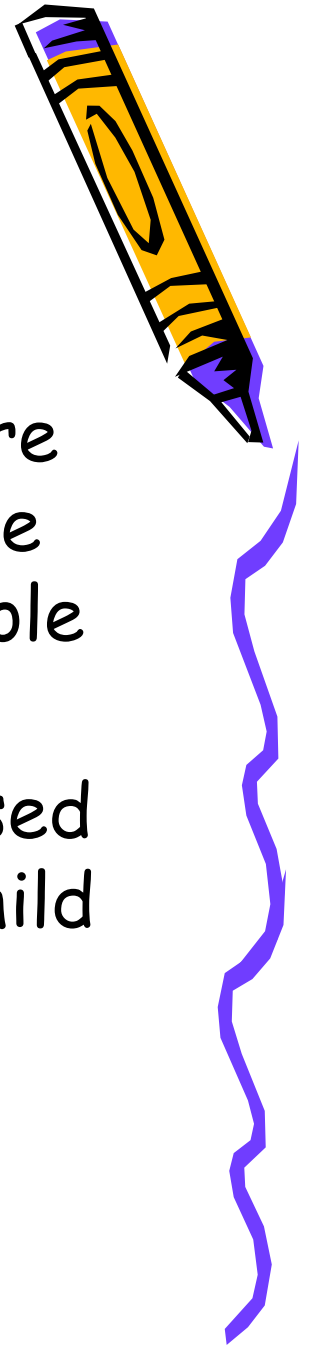
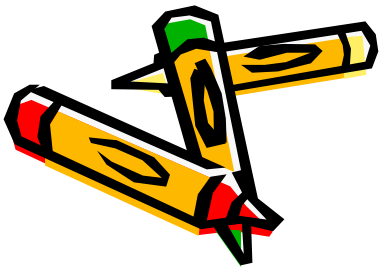
# Definitions

- Approved child care providers are those providers who are otherwise exempt from licensure and who are approved to provide child care services to children whose families receive child care assistance. They include:



# Approved Providers

- An approved provider provides child care services to child care assistance-eligible children in a private residence as the sole caregiver.
- Approved providers must become licensed within one year to continue receiving child care assistance payments.



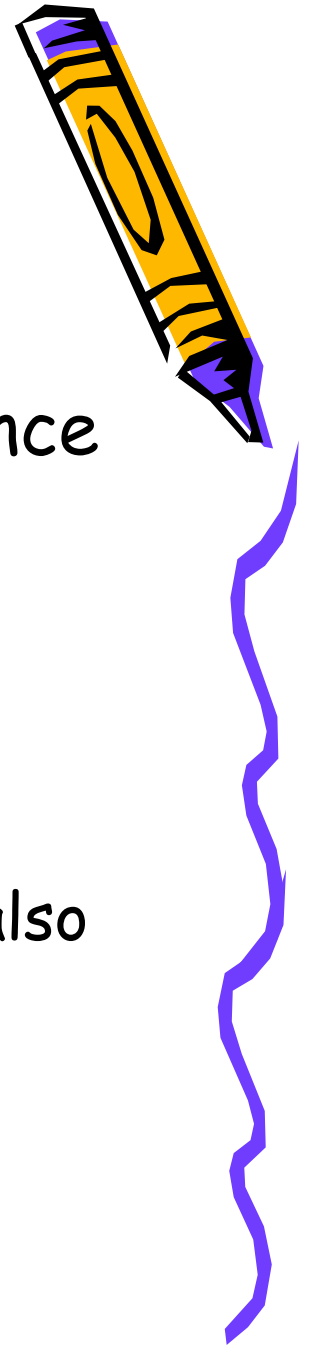
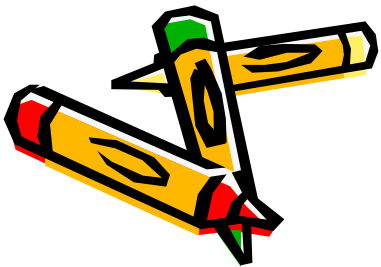
# Approved Relative Providers

- An approved relative provider provides child care services only to child care assistance-eligible children who are their grandchild, great-grandchild, sibling, niece, or nephew.
- Approved relative providers must renew their status every two years.



# Requirements of Participation

- To participate in the child care assistance program as an approved provider or an approved relative provider, you must:
  - Submit a completed application;
  - Agree to meet basic health and safety requirements;
  - Pass a criminal history background check (also any household member 18 years of age and older)



# Capacity Limits

- Approved and approved relative providers may care for no more than a total of five children under 12 years of age, including their own children. Of those five children:
  - No more than four children may be unrelated to the provider; and,
  - No more than two children may be under 30 months of age.



# How to Apply

- If you reside outside the Municipality of Anchorage, contact your local child care assistance program administrator
- If you reside within the Municipality of Anchorage, contact the Child Care Program Office

