

**QUESTION:** When housing is privatized, in order to provide childcare in on post in housing, will an individual still have to be FCC certified or will they be able to be solely state licensed (not dual FCC and State)?

If this is no longer going to be an issue, it would sure help the problem of not having enough childcare slots on post, especially for infants.

**ANSWER:** With regards to the effect of the privatization of military housing on Army Family Child Care (FCC):

Walden Estates, not being on Ft. Wainwright jurisdiction, will be true civilian housing and a home child care provider living in Walden Estates would no longer be required to be an authorized FCC Provider. However, to be allowed to participate in the FCC Subsidy Program they would be required to first be licensed with the State of Alaska, and then apply to and become an authorized FCC Provider. This is expected to be effective October 2009.

The Ft. Wainwright RCI (Residential Community Initiative) office says the approval process is not yet complete for the on-post housing to become privatized, and Congressional approval is expected by 31 October 08. With the information currently available, persons living on Ft. Wainwright and providing child care in their home will continue to be required to be an authorized Army FCC Provider.