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| **Julie Eldridge**KidsKare Family Childcare | Yes I am a license family childcare provider. I’ve been providing care since 1989.I am full at this time and have a very long waiting list. I’ve talked to several parents whom can’t go back to work because of not having childcare. It’s a real problem especially here on Cape Cod. I am licensed for 6 children and 2 school age .I’d love to see where those numbers could be changed to give more parents that chance of getting back to work .It doesn’t make much sense that I can take 2 school age in the summer and vacations but I can not take 8 at other times .I myself think taking 2 more ages 2 to 4 would be much easier then dealing with school age children. I feel if that was changed it would bring down these waiting list. I know many other states allow 8 children under the age of 6.I feel it would be a great help .As of this summer, I have know school age attending. They are off to camps. That leaves me with just my 6 but a license for 8. I’m hoping this will be brought up. Thank you for listening |
| **Fran Frere & Sherri Morini**Creative Kids | With the outline from EEC for teachers and aides, our hands are tied at some point. Why can't we hire high school students, in general, not just from vocational programs. Those programs in this area are few and far between. In fact, the Westfield, MA school department is seriously considering an end to that program. That limits our options for aides dramatically. You should get back in the field to see what is happening! Even people who come and accept a position here, don't really want to work. Not just early childhood, every industry is searching for that demographic of employee that likes to work. "You want me to work 5 days a week until 5:30? " or " OH, I can babysit for my neighbor from 9:30 - 3:30 and get $20./hr." So, please tell me where we find people??? You need to get real and figure out how we can stay open and compliant with these restrictions. |