

**Child Care Providers Together (CCPT)**  
**Child Care system improvements: 2006**  
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**Comments and Recommendations**

**Comments: Why Registered Child Development Home Providers organized?**

**To ensure that the state's child care system that reports to you, our policy and decision makers, is responsive to us: Iowa's registered child care providers who directly serve Iowa's working families and deliver first-hand this critical need service in every corner of our state.**

Registered providers are the providers who meet (and often exceed) Iowa's training, health, safety, and mandatory background check requirements, which help to ensure our children's safety and optimal growth.

Registered providers are the providers who are most likely to understand and plan for the fact that 85% of a child's brain development will take place while in our care; children's first and most formative years!

**2 Recommendations:**

1) Fund the Child Care Quality Rating System (Q.R.S.) with PROFESSIONAL Provider Incentives

2) Include Registered Family Development Homes as a significant part of Iowa's Universal Pre-K model.