

Lesson Five – Entrepreneurship: Opening a Childcare Center

FOCUS: Dreaming of a Childcare Center

15-20 minutes

Purpose:

The participants will begin to formulate their ideas for a childcare center.

Materials:

- *Childcare Center Dream Sheet*

Facilitation Steps:

1. Before class, review *Childcare Center Dream Sheet* to think about your personal ideas of planning for a career as a childcare center owner.
2. Distribute the *Childcare Center Dream Sheet* participants.
3. Read the introduction together with participants. Encourage and support the Big Question brainstorming discussion to begin the activity.
4. Direct participants to continue working on the interview questions that follow the brainstorming activity.
5. Allow the participants work time for the activity.
6. Ask for volunteers to share responses from their work.

Name: _____ Class: _____

Childcare Center Dream Sheet

Big Question: Brainstorm with your classmates.

What does it take to open a childcare center?

Interview Questions: This can be done independently or as a partner activity. Imagine that you are thinking about opening your own childcare center. If you are working with a partner, use the questions to interview them. If you are working independently, interview yourself. Read each question and thoughtfully respond.

1. What would you name your childcare center? And why?
2. Where would it be located? (City, state, and where within the city)
3. What skills do think are necessary for the successful operation of a childcare center?
4. What skills do you have that would make you a **great** childcare professional?
5. What would your overall goal be for your childcare center?
6. What goals/expectations would you have for yourself?
7. What goals/expectations would you have for your staff?
8. What goals/expectations would you have for the children who will attend your childcare center?

9. What features and materials are most necessary for the children who will be attending your childcare center?

10. What are some features and materials that might not be necessities, but would be nice to have for the children at your childcare center?

11. What will your expectations for the parents of the children be?

12. What do you think will be the most rewarding aspects of owning a childcare center?

13. What do you think some of the biggest challenges will be in owning a childcare center?