Family Child Care in Rural Kentucky

Becky Stacy
Executive Director
151 Miss Edna Lane
Hazard, KY 41701
606-438-3431
becky@appchildnetwork.org
Mission:
AECN works to build an environment that supports quality, affordable early care and education for families in Appalachia.

Vision:
Families in Appalachia have access to quality, affordable early care and education that leads to all children reaching their fullest potential.
AECN Serves the Eastern Mountain and Cumberland Regions of Kentucky
Why Family Child Care Homes?

- Child/Caregiver Ratio
- Low Child Turnover
- Convenience
- Atmosphere
- Non-Traditional Hours
- New Businesses for the Community
Marsha is the best. Both my children loved her. They learned so much under her, as well as being well cared for and loved.
Marsha Bradley
Morehead, KY

Certified Family Child Care Home Provider since 2005
Teresa Russell
Manchester, KY

Certified Family Child Care Home Provider since 2020
Katie Doaner
Somerset, KY

Certified Family Child Care Home Provider since
2022
Family Child Care Spotlight
All daycares are booked in Hazard, just my luck...I swear I can’t win for losing.
I’ve been trying for 2 years to get mine in.
Barriers

Economic Barriers
- CCAP reimbursement rates
- Lack of capital to open businesses in rural counties

Geographical Barriers
- Center based care is often in larger cities
- Lack of public transportation in rural areas
- Mileage to and from childcare is a hardship for many families in our region

Workforce Barriers
- Staff shortages
- Compensation for childcare providers versus education required
- Lack of business training
Thank You

Questions/Comments