

Scope of Work/Project Description for Chuti's Childcare

Over the last several decades, more and more families have found the need to have both parents work outside the home to take care of their household expenses. As a result, parents needed quality care for their children from a licensed, certified daycare. This has brought the childcare industry to become a \$54.2 billion industry providing a much-needed service for working parents. When looking for a quality childcare business, parents often look for features such as location of the daycare, price, expertise of the staff, services provided, available and flexible hours, quality of care, and many more. Some parents opt for daycare centers which provides services for many children and having a large staff, others prefer a smaller, homier environment which is often found with a family daycare located in the caretaker's home.

Chuti's Childcare has been providing childcare services for children ranging from infants to toddlers and sometimes preschoolers. It is a family childcare facility that up to now has provided care for no more than eight children, four infants maximum and the rest, toddlers, and preschoolers. But as the need for childcare increases, the limit of eight children is not enough. The goal of the facility is to go from eight children to twelve children making it a large family daycare. It would still have four infants, the maximum number, but would increase the number of toddlers by four. Once the decision to expand the number of children in the daycare was made, an inspection from the Fire Marshall indicated the present space was adequate for the extra children. Any changes or improvements that may be needed would be minor in scope and would need to be done whether there were eight children or twelve.

The outside space used for a playground would be able to support eight toddlers or preschoolers at one time. Any additions required might include new equipment or enhancing the old ones or other fixes. This, too, would need to be done whether there are four children or eight and does not affect the decision to add more children.

There have been several parents who were interested in bringing their children to this facility only to be told they have reached their limit of children. By being able to expand the number of children, Chuti's Childcare could accommodate more families thus necessitating the need to expand the limit of children from eight to twelve.