

Muluwork Kenea

Amen Family Child Development

Case number-BZA 21304

- I confirm that I am a resident of the house located at **5357 Gay Street NE, Washington, DC, 20019** and I currently operate a licensed Child Development Home at this location, serving a total of **9 children**.

Zoning Compliance Explanation – Regulation 251.3(b):

According to D.C. Municipal Regulation 251.3(b), a child development home may use up to **250 square feet or 25% of the home's total square footage (excluding the basement), whichever is less**.

My home has a total of **2,295 square feet**.

- **25% of the total space equals 573.75 square feet,**
- However, as per the regulation, the maximum allowable space is **250 square feet**.

Currently, I am using approximately **420 square feet** on the first level of my home exclusively for childcare. This space is essential to ensure a safe, developmentally appropriate, and comfortable environment for the children I serve.

I am respectfully requesting a **special exception** to extend the allowable square footage beyond the 250 sq. ft. limit. This expansion is critical for maintaining quality care, meeting the needs of the enrolled families, and supporting the program's operation in alignment with licensing standards

- **Hours of Operation:**

Yes, we are open **Monday through Sunday, 23 hours a day**.

We operate in **two shifts** to ensure proper supervision and staff coverage:

- **Day Shift:** 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- **Night Shift:** 7:00 PM – 7:00 AM

- **Ages of the children:** 6 weeks to 12 years old.

- Usually, the time when most children are at a child development home is during the core daytime hours, typically between **8:00 AM and 4:00 PM**. This is when most parents are at work and drop off their children for care

- Our child development home has one driveway available for parking. Since most parents use public transportation, parking demand is usually low. Parents who do drive can temporarily use the driveway for drop-off and pick-up

Photo 1 – Front façade, street-facing



Photo 2 – Opposite side of street, showing context



Photo 3 – Adjacent homes/property line for neighborhood perspective



4) outside play area



- My house is 2,295 square feet. According to zoning regulation 251.3(b), I can use up to 25% of the home 573.75 **square feet** for my child development home, excluding the basement
- We have 2 employees per shift who do not live in the house, which remains within the allowed maximum of 2 non-resident staff at any given time
- Trash will be stored in secured, covered bins located at the side of the house, away from children's play areas. This location will be shown clearly on the site plan.
- **Trash Pickup:**
Trash is collected **once per week** by the **City of Washington, D.C.** sanitation services. There is **no private contractor** involved
- No, there is no sign about the child development center on the property, and we do not plan to have one

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