

Budget Worksheet to Estimate FCC Program Expenses

This worksheet is designed to help you figure out your expenses. Each family child care business is different. You may not have expenses for all the categories listed – that's ok. Just leave them blank. There is also a spot at the bottom of the worksheet for you to add any expenses not already on the list. To find some of these annual amounts you may be able to look at your Schedule C from last year.

PART A - SAMPLE

Category of expense	Multiplication to get annual amount	Annual amount of expense
I pay myself \$700 per month as a salary	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual salary: \$8400.00 [A1]
I contribute \$_41 per month for my IRA retirement plan	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual retirement contribution: \$492 → round up: \$500 [A2]
I pay \$_750 per month for housing	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual housing: \$9000 (a portion of this amount [\$5000] = mortgage interest. This is an estimated amount) [A18]
I pay \$_45 per month for phone	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual phone: \$540 (utilities) [A3d]
I pay \$_205_ per month for energy/heat	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual energy/heat: \$2460 (utilities) [A3a]
I pay \$_180_ per quarter for water	Multiply that amount by 4	Annual water: \$720 (utilities) [A3b]
I pay \$_250_ per month for food for the child care	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual food: \$3000 [A4]
I pay \$_151_ per month for internet access (included in cable bill)	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual internet: \$1812 round up → \$1820 [A3c]
I pay \$41 per month for toys for the child care business	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual toys: \$492 round up → \$500 [A5]
I pay \$_83_ per month for children's supplies (art materials, extra diapers, small gifts, etc.)	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual children's supplies: \$996 → round up \$1000 [A6]
I pay\$100 per month for household supplies (paper towels, cleaning supplies, etc.)	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual household supplies: \$1200 [A7]
I pay \$_4 per month for my professional development (classes for credit, workshops, online classes, etc)	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual professional development: \$48 → round up \$50 [A8]
I pay \$_2 for advertising (business cards, ads in the phone book, copying brochures, web design, etc.)	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual advertising: \$24 → round up \$25 [A9]
Number of miles I drove last year for business (See Form 4562 Depreciation and Amortization; Section B, Line 30): _708 miles	Multiply that amount by .565 (current 2013 federal rate) (this amount figures in gas, repairs, & wear on vehicle)	Annual mileage: \$400 [A10]
Amount I paid for business liability insurance last year: \$600	Transfer that number to the next column	Annual business liability insurance: \$600 [A11]

I pay \$_16.50_ per month for office supplies (pens, paper, printer ink, etc.)	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual office supplies: \$198 → round up \$200 [A12]
I would like to set aside \$_37.50_ per month to help me make my Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) a reality	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual support for QIP: \$450 Divided for two goals \$250 and \$200 [A13]
If I am a homeowner, last year I paid \$_1500_ for my property tax (See Form 8829 Expenses for Business Use of Your Home; Line 11(b).)	Transfer that amount to the next column	Annual property tax: \$1500 [A14]
If I am a homeowner, I am setting aside \$_104_ per month for home repairs and maintenance.	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual home repair and maintenance: \$1248 → round up \$1250 [A15]
If I am a homeowner , last year I paid \$_700_ for homeowner insurance	Transfer that amount to next column	Annual homeowner insurance: \$700 [A16]
If I am a renter, last year I paid \$ for renter insurance	Transfer that amount to next column	Annual renter insurance: 0 [A16]
If I am an employer, I pay \$ per month for my employees' wages	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual employees' wages: 0 [T1]
If I am an employer, I pay \$ per quarter in taxes (any withholding, payroll, Social Security, federal unemployment, state employment, Medicare, etc.)	Multiply that amount by 4	Annual employer taxes: 0 [T2]
If I am an employer, I pay \$ per month in Workers' compensation	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual Workers' compensation: 0 [T3]
If I am an employer, I pay \$ per month for health insurance	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual insurance: 0 [T4]
If I am an employer, I pay \$ per month in support costs (trainings, benefits, background checks, other needed costs to support employees)	Multiply that amount by 12	Annual employee support: 0 [T5]
I pay \$ per month for this expense not listed above:	Multiply that amount by 12	Expense: [A17] Amount:
I pay \$ per month for this expense not listed above:	Multiply that amount by 12	Expense: [A18] Amount:
I pay \$ per month for this expense not listed above:	Multiply that amount by 12	Expense: [A19] Amount:

^{**} If you have an annual amount and want to figure out how much to budget per month for that expense, take the annual amount and divide it by 12.

For a complete list of items that can be written off on your taxes as a family child care provider and the proper method for writing your business expenses off, please see Tom Copeland's book Family Child Care Record Keeping Guide available from Redleaf Press.

^{**} If you have a percentage and want to multiply it by a number, move the decimal point to the left two spots. For example, 55.36% becomes .5536 and 4% becomes .04 (because you need to add a zero before the 4).