



# Highlights

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## SERVING NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR OVER 25 YEARS

- Infant/Toddler Family Day Care continues to provide child care resource and referral services to the Northern Virginia community through contracts with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRRA) and the Virginia Child Care Resource and Referral Network (VACCRRN).
- Infant/Toddler Family Day Care holds membership in Fairfax Futures and serves on the Virginia Working Families Child Care Coalition and a Northern Virginia Community College task force on early childhood education.
- Infant/Toddler Family Day Care has partnered with the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRRA) to provide respite care to Marine families with exceptional family members. Infant/Toddler also provides enhanced referrals to military family through an additional contract with NACCRRRA.
- The David and Laura Merage Foundation and The Annie E. Casey Foundation held a Shared Services Technical Conference in June 2009 in Denver, Colorado. The focus of this conference was Shared Services organizations: community-based networks comprised of small early care and education businesses that work together to deliver services. Our Executive Director, Ilene Hoffman, and Associate Director, Wynne Busman, were again invited to serve on panels to discuss marketing an Alliance to providers and marketing an Alliance to parents. Shared Services organizations such as Infant/Toddler Family Day Care have the promise of being able to provide affordable, high-quality services in a range of settings for children of all ages.
- Our annual Provider Appreciation Celebration in May 2009 brought together early child care educators and program parents. Recognitions were for longevity in the program and educational achievement. Nine educators were recognized for receiving an Infant/Toddler Certificate from Northern Virginia Community College and twelve were recognized for completing the Child Development Associate (CDA).
- Virginia Delegate Chuck Caputo visited an Infant/Toddler Family Day Care home and commented, *"I had a delightful visit this morning to Ms. Gina Salazar's in-home day care. My goal was to experience what a typical day is like in the homes that are part of the Infant/Toddler Family Day Care network and find out from providers like Gina what their biggest needs are. What I found is an incredibly warm and pleasant environment where Ms. Salazar takes care of three beautiful children. I was particularly impressed with how much emphasis is placed on teaching and learning and with the fact that Ms. Salazar has a background in Social Work and Psychology. Gina is clearly a very competent and caring provider and I don't think I could possibly have found three happier children."*

### Our Mission:

Infant/Toddler Family Day Care has been bringing families together with our network of experienced and professionally trained child care providers since 1983. Our nurturing program provides care and early childhood development to children beginning at six weeks of age and beyond. With Infant/Toddler, children benefit from the special experience of forming lasting relationships with their provider in a small, mixed age group setting where children learn and grow through play.