Well, you can! It just takes time, energy, patience, commitment, a safe and loving environment in your military quarters among a few other things, that the Child & Youth Programs, Family Child Care (FCC) Program can assist you with.
Did you know that before providing childcare on a regular basis in government quarters you must first receive written approval from the Resident Services Office (RSO), Base Inspectors office and become certified through the MCCS, Child & Youth Programs and FCC office?

A child care provider is an individual who is providing childcare services out of their military quarters on a regular basis for more than 10 cumulative hours per week (e.g. a resident caring for three children for four hours is providing 12 hours of child care). Any home that is providing care for children outside these parameters who is not certified will be considered unauthorized and “will result in the immediate cease of operations and may also result in eviction” (Hunt). Refer to “Child Behavior and Child Care” on page 6 of your resident handbook for more information.

If you're interested in offering care in your home, please contact the Child & Youth Programs, Family Child Care (FCC) office at 808-257-5525. Through FCC you'll receive training on positive guidance, age appropriate play, developmentally appropriate practices, lesson planning, Safe Sleep for Infants, Child/Adult/Infant CPR, First Aid and AED training, meal planning through the USDA food program, fire and safety awareness, health and sanitation, and access to the FCC lending library where Providers may check out a host of learning materials, furniture, equipment and resources. Training offered will be provided by Subject Matter Experts who will provide a 40-hour week long training session that will get you geared and ready to start your very own business as a FCC Provider. As a plus, the training is transferrable from installation to installation, allowing for fast certification at your next duty station. You also get to set your own hours of operation and child care fees.

First, submit a FCC provider application. The application consists of a mini-bio about yourself, past employment information, consent forms for a background check for yourself, and any individual 18 years and older that resides in your home.

Once completed, submit application to the Resource & Referral office located at Bldg 5082 Lawrence Road.

While there is a minimal $70 registration fee (paid at time of training), fifty dollars goes towards training and materials, and twenty dollars goes towards your General Excise Tax License.

While your background checks are being processed CYP will schedule you for one week of training and the Family Child Care Director will help you to organize and arrange the layout for your home program.

Once you’ve completed training you will undergo inspections from: Base Safety, Health & Sanitation, Federal Fire and the CYP Family Child Care Director.

Upon completion of training and inspections, Family Child Care Providers can begin to provide care with a provisional certification until you have become adjudicated and licensed.

For a provider application stop by the Family Child Care office at Bldg 5082 on Lawrence Road, or download a copy from: www.MCCShawaii.com/fcc

For more information call 808-257-5525/7430.