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**UNIT:** Child Care Careers**LESSON:** Personal Requirements  
of Child Care Providers

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**COMPETENCIES:**

1. Complete self-assessments concerning the qualities required of child care providers.
  2. Identify methods and practice quality communication with children, staff and parents.
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**OVERVIEW/SUMMARY:**

In order to be effective in any job, you must enjoy the people you work with and the activities in which you participate. Pre-assessing yourself before training to work with children and their parents is a vital step in a career decision.

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**MOTIVATOR:**

Have you ever heard of a clumsy ballerina? How about a mean clown? A musician that couldn't play an instrument? An attorney that didn't know how to argue? A physician that didn't know the various body parts? An electrician that didn't know how to wire a house? A builder that didn't have tools?

What do these people have in common? They don't have the ability or tools with which to complete their job. It is important to know if you have the right tools and abilities to become a child care provider before you actually begin caring for children. If you are impatient, do not like messes, don't like sticky hugs, and hate telling stories, perhaps you are looking at the wrong occupation. Today we will discuss some of the attributes a child care provider should have.

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**LESSON OPTIONS/SUPPLIES:****OPTION 1--CDA VI**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:** Have students read the information, or present it as a class discussion.

**OPTION 2--CDA VI**

**PERSONAL ASSESSMENT AND GOAL SHEET:** Have students complete the worksheet dealing with characteristics required of child care providers.

**OPTION 3---CDA VI**

**TO TEACH OR NOT TO TEACH:** Have students complete this worksheet that deals with the tasks involved in child care, then discuss it as a class.

**OPTION 4---CDA VI**

**PERSONALLY SPEAKING:** Have students complete this worksheet that analyzes the characteristics that employers look for when hiring an employee.