

## **.13 AGE OF THE PROVIDER.**

### **A provider shall be 18 years old or older.**

INTENT: Setting a minimum age of 18 increases the chance that you will be mature enough to handle the responsibilities associated with caring for other people's children. In addition, Maryland law (the Commercial Law Article, §1-103) requires a person to be at least 18 years old to enter into a contract. This requirement is pertinent to family day care because you must establish written service agreements with parents (see [Section .41C](#) of this Manual).

Note: If there is a question about your age, you may be required to produce proof of age such as a driver's license, birth certificate, or passport.