

## Choon Miike

Choon Ok Miike, fondly known as “Aunty Mickey,” has been a family child care provider for two years. Aunty Mickey would spend time at her neighbor’s house playing with the children there and soon realized how much she enjoyed it. When her granddaughter was born, she wanted to be the one to take care of her at home. The love of her granddaughter and the neighborhood children inspired her to become a family child care provider. Mickey’s granddaughter is now a happy two year old and a part of her wonderful home child care business. She really enjoys caring for babies and watching them grow up in her care. “As a provider I like to play constantly and do projects with the children.”

Ready with a hug and a smile for everyone, Aunty Mickey is a participant in the Quality Care Program – a PATCH program that provides support and monthly children activities that Mickey can share with the kids in her care. Mickey works with her husband, Lance, to care for the kids. Lance shares her love of food making healthy and delicious meals not only for the children, but their parents as well. Knowing that working parents are busy, Mickey feels it is important to have ready meals to give to the parents when they come to pick up their kids. Mickey is also an active member of her church.

What parents had to say about Mickey:

“My son is now 15 month and has gone to Aunty Mickey for childcare services since he was two months old....She attends to my son’s needs and listens well to my input. She give 110% when it comes to child caring.”

“Although I have only know Aunty Micki (as we know her), for about a year, I feel as if she and her husband Lance are like a second set of parents to me. They have welcomed me into their home and have treated me as if I were a daughter. When I was nursing my son, I would go to their home several times during the day. They would make lunch for me...When my husband was off island, they would send home extra food for me...they wanted to make sure my kids and I ate!...they dedicate their spare time helping their own kids with fundraisers! They speak openly with me and I can communicate with them any concerns I may have. I appreciate their kindness, hospitality and open home. Most importantly, I appreciate Aunty Micki and Uncle Lance because I can trust them with my kids!!”

“Aunty Mickey provides age-appropriate toys and educational activities to my son. Also, she provides delicious and nutritious food.”

“They give my children hugs and kisses and treats them like grandchildren!”

“At the end of the day, Aunty Mickey informs me of the activities my son did, how’s he feeling throughout the day, what he ate, etc.. I feel very fortunate that Aunty Mickey focuses on developing my son’s interests and provides age-appropriate activities to keep his mind and body active. She also helps to develop him socially.”

“Aunty Micki is bilingual in Korean and English, and she is passionate in teaching the kids Korean. My daughter has learned all her colors and shapes and can count to 20, she is only 28 months old...Aunty Micki has great communication skills and we talk and laugh a lot! I don’t feel that I’m missing out on my kids during the day, because she keeps me informed about almost everything that occurred!”