

Looking for Child Care? We can help!



Because there is nothing more important than making the right decision.

Choosing Quality Child Care

Choosing the right child care provider is an important decision. You want a program that is convenient, within your budget, and available when you need it. Most importantly, you want a program that is safe for your child, and gives you the security of knowing that your child is in a place where the potential for growth and development is greatest.

To make sure your child care supports your family's needs, it's important to choose a high-quality child care program. That's where Early Years can help. Our referral specialists will listen to your family's child care preferences, conduct a custom search for you, and provide details about the child care programs that meet your unique needs.



Our Referral Experts

Will give you the tools to be confident through the child care search process. They will help you take the process one step at a time and share with you the information you'll need to make the right child care choice.

- Types of child care and preschool options, including a detailed printout, listing programs that are matched by criteria like: quality ratings, type of care, location, tuition rates, vacancies, ability to meet a special need, and more
- North Carolina child care regulations
- Quality care indicators (checklists to take with you when you visit child care facilities & tips for checking references)
- Cost of care & financial assistance options
- Developmentally appropriate classroom practices & positive teacher-child interactions
- Details of visits by the state licensing agency

Making a Decision

Begin as Early as Possible

Many programs enroll months ahead or have long waiting lists.

Call Child Care Referral Central

Our referral team offers a personalized experience and results beyond child care referral lists.

Visit Programs

When choosing care, visit different types of providers, such as centers & family child care homes, before you make a decision. Use our checklists to guide you.

Check References

Talk with other parents whose children are enrolled in the program you are considering.

Check Compliance

Research the compliance history for each program you are considering at NCchildcare.NCDHHS.gov.

Stay Involved

Once you have enrolled, become an involved parent. Volunteer, drop in and visit your child, and talk regularly with your child's teacher.

What Families are Saying

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It meant so much to have an organization that was there to guide me through the process. Looking for child care is a really daunting process when you have a million things going on and also need to take care of yourself and your child.”

“When I called the office to get more information about your services the staff members were great. The referral program helped reduce a lot of stress as me and my family are relocating to NC soon. I've been telling everyone about this program. Thank you.”

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Use Our **FREE** Online Child Care. Scan the QR Code

Our services are free & available in English & Spanish



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