

adult-to-child ratios

one adult per maximum number of children

child care centers

Infants:

Birth to 12 months 1 to 5

12-17 months 1 to 6

Toddlers:

18-29 months 1 to 7

30-35 months 1 to 8

Preschool:

3 to 4 years 1 to 12

4 to 5 years 1 to 14

School-age:

Kindergarten to 12 years 1 to 18

family child care

- Family Child Care Providers can care for up to 6 children at a time. No more than three children may be under two years of age.
- This includes the provider's own children under the age of 6.

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Child Care Connection does not endorse, rate, recommend, or evaluate child care resources, programs, or providers and therefore, Child Care Connection does not assume, warrant, or guarantee quality care. Any information about a caregiver/provider has been provided solely by that caregiver/provider. Child Care Connection believes that consumers are in the best position to evaluate and choose resources appropriate to their child's needs.

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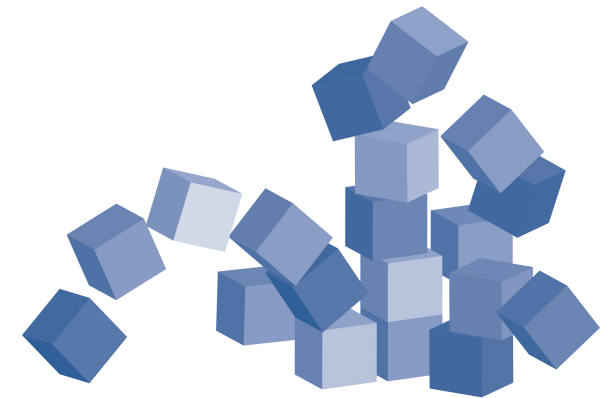
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- For Parents:** Search for child care options
Get our tips for seeking care
- For Providers:** Find professional development opportunities
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Child Care Options

Selecting child care can be a difficult task. Child Care Connection's goal is to help families choose quality child care options.



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Parent's Role

Take the time to think about what kind of child care works best for you. You need to be comfortable with the care your child is receiving. You and your child should feel secure about your child care arrangement!

1. Call

... several programs/providers to find out details on cost, hours, programs available and location.

2. Visit

... at least two programs/providers.

3. Evaluate

...use our *Quality Indicator Checklist* to evaluate the program/provider.

4. Monitor

... the program/provider while you are making your choice and every day when you drop off and pick up your child.

child care centers

- provide care in an organized group setting
- plan age-appropriate activities
- offer care on a full or part day basis

licensing

Licensing sets minimum standards for: health, safety, staff education, staff ratios, program requirements, and nutritious meals

Information about licensing can be found at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services website at www.odjfs.state.oh.us/cdc/

reasons parents choose Child Care Centers

- centers are dependable
- the reputation of the program
- a school-like environment

ask

- is the center Accredited?
- is it Step Up To Quality star rated?

family child care

- provides care for children in the provider's home
- offers flexibility with schedules
- can be less expensive

licensing

Family Child Care Homes are not licensed by the State of Ohio.

reasons parents choose Family Child Care

- a home-like environment
- single caregiver
- smaller group size

ask

- is the Family Child Care Provider accredited with the National Association of Family Child Care Providers?

in-home child care

- provides care in your home by a live-in or live-out nanny

reasons parents choose in home child care:

- convenient for the family
 - offers flexibility
 - familiar environment
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