



CHILD CARE RESOURCES

2021

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, specific hours and availability may be subject to change. Call before seeking services.

How to Find Child Care

<p>Child Care Resource and Referral Free referral service to help parents make informed choices about child care programs most likely to fit their needs.</p>	<p>Call Parent Referral Line:: #855-CHILD-01 (855-244-5301) Mon-Friday, 8-4:30 pm E-mail: childcare@caeiowa.org Web: www.iowaccrr.org</p>
<p>Dept of Human Services Provider Search function This website link will allow parents to select criteria in able to search for child care that meets their needs such as location, type of care, financial assistance etc.</p>	<p>Web: https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/clientportal/ProviderSearch.aspx</p>
<p>211- First Call for Help Free service to connect you to local services. Speak with a trained professional in your area. All calls are confidential.</p>	<p>Call: 211 or (866) 469-2211 Open 24/7 App: 211 Iowa Web: www.211.org</p>

Assistance to Pay for Child Care

<p>Department of Human Services Child Care Assistance (CCA)</p>	<p>Financial assistance of child care expenses for families meeting state eligibility requirements.</p>	<p>Call: 866-448-4605 Complete on-line application @ https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/ClientPortal/Default.aspx or drop off application in person at DHS office, in the Community Services Building, 1240 26th Ave. Court SW Cedar Rapids, 52404</p>
<p>Private Scholarships or Sliding Fee Scale or accepts CCA or Employer Subsidy</p>	<p>Ask if the child care provider you selected offers scholarships or sliding fee scale or child care assistance subsidy. Ask if your employer offers an employee subsidy. Check with your religious institution about options.</p>	

Free and Low Cost Child Care

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<p>Early Head Start</p>	<p>Birth-3 Years of Age</p>	<p>Free Full-day, and Home based options for eligible families. Primary Eligibility: Household income is at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Call for additional details. Multiple locations in the county. Call for specific sites.</p>
		<p>Call: 319-393-7811 Web: https://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/children/headstart/</p>

KidsPoint Learning Center and Preschool	Birth-3 Years of Age	<p>Full-day care with financial assistance options. Classroom Hours: 6am-6 pm or 6:30 am-6 pm</p> <p>Eligibility: Call for details. Accepts Child Care Assistance (CCA) and offers Sliding Fee scale tuition</p> <p>Two locations in Cedar Rapids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown, 318 5th Street SE • 5830 C Street SW 	<p>Call: 319-365-1636</p> <p>Web: http://www.kidspointchildcare.org</p>
Head Start	3-5 Years of Age	<p>Free Part-day and Full-day options for eligible families.</p> <p>Primary Eligibility: Household income is at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Call for additional details.</p> <p>Multiple locations in the county.</p>	<p>Call: 319-393-7811</p> <p>Web: https://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/children/headstart/</p>
KidsPoint Learning Center and Preschool	3-5 Years of Age	<p>Full-day care with financial assistance options. Classroom Hours: 6am-6 pm or 6:30 am-6 pm</p> <p>Eligibility: Call for details. Accepts Child Care Assistance (CCA) and offers Sliding-Fee scale tuition</p> <p>Two locations in Cedar Rapids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtown, 318 5th Street SE • 5830 C Street SW 	<p>Call: 319-365-1636</p> <p>Web: http://www.kidspointchildcare.org</p>
Linn County Child Development Center	3-5 Years of Age	<p>Free Part-day and Full-day options for income eligible families. Also specializes in serving children with behavior needs.</p> <p>Eligibility: Call for eligibility guidelines. Also accepts Child Care Assistance (CCA) and offers Sliding Fee scale tuition</p> <p>Located in Harris Building: 1020 6th Street SE, Cedar Rapids</p>	<p>Call: 319-892-5700</p> <p>Web: https://www.linncounty.org/129/Child-Development-Center</p>

<p>Shared Visions</p>	<p>3-5 Years of Age</p>	<p>Free Part-day and Full-day options for eligible families. Eligibility: Household income must fall at or below the 130% of federal poverty level. Offered at various sites in Cedar Rapids.</p>	<p>Sites: <u>Cedar Rapids Early Learning Center</u> Multiple sites in Cedar Rapids School Buildings Call: 319-558-2549 E-mail: earlylearning@crschools.us</p> <p><u>College Community Early Childhood Center</u> Address: 401 76th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids Call: 319-848-5296</p> <p><u>Head Start</u> Address: Inn Circle, 5560 6th St. SW, Cedar Rapids Address: Hayes, 1924 D St. SW, Cedar Rapids Call: 319-393-7811</p> <p><u>Linn County Child Development Center</u> Address: 1020 6th Street SE, Cedar Rapids Call: 319-892-5700</p> <p><u>St. Paul's FOCUS:</u> 1340 3rd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids Call: 319-363-6349 ext 3 E-mail: focus123@e-mail.com</p>
<p>Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program</p>	<p>4-year olds only</p>	<p>Free Part-day preschool option. Full-day available for a fee at some sites. Eligibility: Varies by location. Slots are limited and may be first come-first served. All public school districts in Linn County offer this program and may partner with community based child care program for delivery of the service.</p>	<p>Call: Your school district for info on classroom locations and availability. Web: https://educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/SWVPPSites-Fall2019.pdf</p>
<p>Before and After School Care (5-12 years)</p>			
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<p>Check with your child's school. Call your school's Main Office and ask for information on before or after school programs that partner with your child's school.</p>			
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United Way of East Central Iowa	This agency provides funding to local providers of After School programs. A list of the programs can be found at their website.	Call: 319-398-5372 Web: www.uweci.org/what-we-do/our-impact/who-we-invest-with/
ARC of East Central Iowa	School year and summer programming for consumers of all ages with and without disabilities. Accepts DHS payments and offers Sliding Fee scale options.	Call: 319-365-0487 Web: www.arceci.org
What to Look for in Child Care		
A Guide to Choosing Quality Child Care Helpful Tips for Families	Information is available to help you understanding what to look for when selecting child care. Please use the links provided.	https://iowaccrr.org/families https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/78%20ParentGuide.pdf
Iowa Quality Rating System	Voluntary program that provides a quality rating to child care programs that enroll. Can assist parents to identify high quality child care.	https://dhs.iowa.gov/iqrs/providers
Resources for Child Care Providers		
Cedar Rapids Family Home Child Care Association	Group of registered child care providers that serve as a resource. Members are offered six trainings per year that meet DHS requirements.	Call: 319-362-3960 Web: www.cedarrapidsfamilyhomechildcareassociation.org
Child Care Resource & Referral-Region 5	Offers providers an entry point to the child care field and helps them grow and succeed.	Call: 866-324-3236 E-mail: crrria@caeiowa.org Web: www.iowaccrr.org/providers/
Iowa Association for Education of Young Children- East Central IA Chapter	Supports and advocates for quality early child care and the early childhood profession.	Call: 641-351-8542 E-mail: info@eastcentraliaaeyc.org Web: www.eastcentraliaaeyc.org
Linn County Early Childhood Iowa (ECI)	ECI Board promotes quality early childhood development. The programs below directly support child care providers:	Call: 319-892-5721 Web: www.linncounty.org/981/Early-Childhood-Iowa
	Child Care Alliance Response Team. On-site support to child care providers to increase their expertise in serving children with behavioral issues, in order to reduce expulsions from appropriate child care settings.	Call: 319-399-6746 Web: https://www.gwaea.org/educators/special-education/special-ed-services
	Child Care Nurse Consultant: On-site support and technical assistance to child care providers regarding child health and safety practices.	Call: 319-538-4458 E-mail: aeasley@hacap.org Web: https://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/children/
	PACES: Training, equipment grants, and on-site and remote staff/peer support to increase quality practices and strengthen providers/programs.	Call: 319-393-7811, ext 1095 Web: https://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/children/