



Steps to Finding the Best Child Care for Your Family

STEP ONE: Gather a list of potential child care providers.

Contact Children & Families First Child Care Referral Service (AccessCare) for a list of licensed child care providers located close to home, work or in between.

- **CALL** 1-800-734-2388
- **VISIT** cffde.org/accesscare
- **NARROW** your search by calling child care centers and family child care homes to determine if they have openings, fees, etc.

STEP TWO: Schedule visits and ask questions

- **OBSERVE** space and materials
- **OBSERVE** interactions between the teachers and children
- **ASK** questions

STEP THREE: Make your decision

- **THINK** about what you saw and the information you gathered at each visit and make the best choice for your family.
- **CALL** provider to complete enrollment.
- **NOTE:** if your first choice does not have current openings, we recommend you ask to be added to the waitlist. If time does not allow you to wait for an available opening, continue your search for a placement

STEP FOUR: Follow-up

- **COMMUNICATE** regularly with your child care provider
- **ADDRESS** concerns as soon as possible