

# Finding Your Child Care

Parents and child care providers form an important partnership in the healthy development of children. Choose a provider that meets your family's needs. Child Care Information Services is here to help you.

- CCIS can make referrals for other services that may be able to meet your additional family needs.
- CCIS provides information to families on how to select a child care provider.
- CCIS provides listings of registered and certified child care providers. The lists are customized for each family based on their child care needs with regard to location, ages of children, type of facility preferred, hours and days child care is needed, etc.

Parents can now search for providers online at:  
<http://www.compass.state.pa.us/childcaresearch>

- It is important to choose a child care provider that meets your family's needs. See the list below for different types of child care facilities:

Family Day Care Home: A state registered family residence with one caregiver providing care for up to six children not related to the caregiver at any one time.

Group Day Care Home: A state certified facility providing care for seven to twelve children.  
Day Care Center: A state certified facility providing care for seven or more children.

Relative/Neighbor Care: A person who cares for three or fewer children at any one time who are not related to the caregiver.

- There are other Early Care options available to families:

Head Start: A preschool child and family development program. This service is available at no cost to eligible families.

Pre-K Counts: A half or full day pre-kindergarten program provided at no cost to eligible families. Classes may be held in local schools, Head Start sites and at some child care facilities.

Nursery and Preschool Programs: Part-time or full-time programs that provide services to preschool children. Financial assistance to attend Nursery and Preschool programs are NOT payable through CCIS.

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