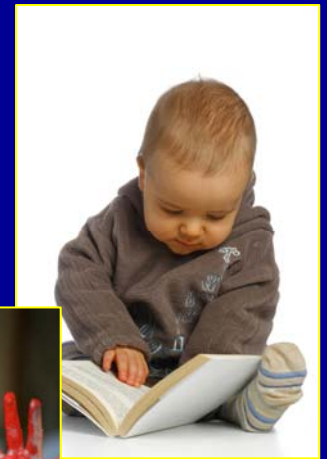


Finding Child Care in Your Community

Using Child Care Resource
and Referral Agencies



Child Care Aware®

Committed to:

- Helping parents find best information
- Locating quality child care and resources
- Building consumer awareness
- Supporting families in making choices



Five Steps to Finding Good Child Care

- Step 1 – Start early
- Step 2 – Make a call
- Step 3 – Visit and ask questions
- Step 4 – Make the choice
- Step 5 – Stay involved



Step 2 – Make A Call



Call your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency (CCR&R). Specialists are standing by to:

- Share facts about child care
- Share options
- Provide referrals
- **For free!**



What to Expect from CCR&R Specialist

A professional specialist will serve you by:

- Clarifying your needs
- Setting the expectations of the call
- Collecting data
- Providing a referral listing



What to Expect from CCR&R Specialist

- Review consumer education information
- Types of care
- Licensing
- Ratio
- Group size
- Education
- Turnover
- Health & safety
- Average cost
- Subsidy
- Tax credits
- Stars ratings



Information Packet

- Information packet will be sent out
- Contents will provide review of telephone conversation
- Info will assist with choosing care that meets your needs



Next Steps for Family



- Call referrals
- Visit programs
- Ask questions
- Check DHS record
- Make choices
- Stay involved



Eight CCR&R Regions to serve you



Agency Contact Info

- Northwest
Child Care Finders
800-401-3462
- Northcentral
Delaware CDR&R
866-254-9864
- Northeast
Cherokee Nation CCR&R
888-458-6230
- Southwest
Great Plains CCR&R
888-878-4417
- OKC Metro
Rainbow Fleet CCR&R
800-438-0008
- Tulsa Metro
Child Care Resource Center
918-834-2273
- Southcentral
Child Care Resource & Referral
800-862-5593 (East Central)
- Southeast
Child Care Resource & Referral
888-320-5205 (South East State)

For more information

- Contact your local CCR&R, or call



888-962-2772

www.oklahomachildcare.org



800-347-2276

www.okdhs.org
(Office of Child Care Services)

What if my child has special needs?

- <http://www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/cc/spneeds/docs/choosingspecialneedsicare.htm>
- <http://www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/cc/spneeds/specialneedsprovider.htm>



Child Care Special Needs Rate

- Add on to approved rate based on Star level
 - \$8/day for moderate special needs
 - \$14/day for severe special needs
- Application process
 - Apply for child care subsidy
 - Completion of special needs rate form by approved professional
 - Child receives services from SSI, SoonerStart, or public school Special Education for children 3 and older

Child Care Consultation

- Can help smooth the entry of children with special needs into the child care setting
- http://www.okdhs.org/NR/rdonlyres/5D403E46-485F-4D24-B5AF-67DA7AEB440D/0/0329_ConsultationFactSheet_dcc_06012007.pdf

Child Care and the ADA

- Facilities must make reasonable modifications
- Provide auxiliary aids and services
- Cannot exclude children unless they pose a direct threat



Thank you

for helping us to
find Quality Child
Care in our
communities!!

