



CHILD CARE RESOURCES

2020

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HOW TO FIND CHILD CARE			
Child Care Resource & Referral of Southeast Iowa	855-244-5301	Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4:30 PM	Free referral service to help parents make informed choices about child care programs most likely to fit their needs. E-mail: childcare@caeiowa.org Web: www.iowaccrr.org
Department 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. Web: https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/clientportal/ProviderSearch.aspx
211 – First Call for Help	211 866-469-2211	24/7	Free service to connect you to local services. Speak with a trained professional in your area. All calls are confidential. App: 211 Iowa Web: www.211.org
ASSISTANCE TO PAY FOR CHILD CARE			
Department of Human Services Child Care Assistance (CCA) 1240 26 th Ave. Court SW Cedar Rapids, 52404	866-448-4605		Financial assistance of child care expenses for families meeting state eligibility requirements. 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
Private Scholarships or Sliding Fee Scale or accepts CCA or Employer Subsidy			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>For more information regarding community resources, contact United Way 2-1-1 on a landline telephone at 2-1-1, by cellphone at 319-739-4211, or 1-866-469-2211. 211 now has an app that can be downloaded by searching “211 Iowa” on either Apple App store or Google Play. For more information you can visit www.211iowa.org/211app. To obtain a copy of the Resource Charts, go to www.linncounty.org/communityservices or contact Linn County Community Services at 319-892-5600. For questions about the Resource Charts, contact Linn County Community Services at 319-892-5600.</p>			

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FREE & LOW COST CHILD CARE			
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Birth – 3 Years of Age			
Early Head Start Multiple locations in the county Call for specific sites	319-393-7811	Vary by Program	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. Web: https://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/children/headstart/
KidsPoint Learning Center & Preschool Two locations in Cedar Rapids - Downtown, 318 5 th St SE - 5830 C St SW	319-365-1636	Vary by Location	Full-day care with financial assistance options. Classroom Hours: 6am-6 pm or 6:30 am-6 pm Eligibility: Call for details. Accepts Child Care Assistance (CCA) and offers Sliding Fee scale tuition Web: http://www.kidspointchildcare.org
3 – 5 Years of Age			
Head Start <i>Multiple locations in the county</i>	319-393-7811	Vary by Program	Free Part-day and Full-day options for eligible families. Primary Eligibility: Household income is at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Call for additional details. Web: https://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/children/headstart/
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Linn County Child Development Center 1020 6 th St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401	319-892-5700	6:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Free Part-day and Full-day options for income eligible families. Also specializes in serving children with behavior needs. Eligibility: Call for eligibility guidelines. Also accepts Child Care Assistance (CCA) and offers Sliding Fee scale tuition Web: https://www.linncounty.org/129/Child-Development-Center
Shared Visions <u>Cedar Rapids Early Learning Center</u> Multiple sites in Cedar Rapids School Buildings <u>College Community Early Childhood Center</u> Address: 401 76 th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids	319-558-2549 319-848-5296	Vary by Location	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. E-mail: earlylearning@crschools.us

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<p>Shared Visions cont.</p> <p><u>Head Start</u> Inn Circle, 5560 6th St. SW, Cedar Rapids Hayes, 1924 D St. SW, Cedar Rapids</p> <p><u>Linn County Child Development Center</u> 1020 6th Street SE, Cedar Rapids</p> <p><u>St. Paul's FOCUS:</u> 1340 3rd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids</p>	<p>319-393-7811</p> <p>319-892-5700</p> <p>319-3636-6349 Ext 3</p>	<p>Vary by Location</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>E-mail: focus123@e-mail.com</p>
<p>Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program</p>	<p>Call: Your school district for info on classroom locations and availability.</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. Web: https://educateiowa.gov/sites/files/ed/documents/SWVPPsites-Fall2019.pdf</p>
<p>BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE (5-12 YEARS)</p>			
<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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<p>United Way of East Central Iowa</p>	<p>319-398-5372</p>	<p>Monday - Friday 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM</p>	<p>This agency provides funding to local providers of After School programs. A list of the programs can be found at their website. Web: www.uweci.org/what-we-do/our-impact/who-we-invest-with/</p>
<p>ARC of East Central Iowa</p>	<p>319-365-0487</p>	<p>Monday - Friday 8 AM - 6:30 PM</p>	<p>School year and summer programming for consumers of all ages with and without disabilities. Accepts DHS payments and offers Sliding Fee scale options. Web: www.arceci.org</p>

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WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN CHILD CARE			
<i>A Guide to Choosing Quality Child Care Helpful Tips for Families</i>			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	319-362-3960		Group of registered child care providers that serve as a resource. Members are offered six trainings per year that meet DHS requirements. Web: www.cedarrapidsfamilyhomechildcareassociation.org
Child Care Resource & Referral-Region 5	866-324-3236	Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4:30 PM	Offers providers an entry point to the child care field and helps them grow and succeed. E-mail: ccrria@caeiova.org Web: www.iowaccrr.org/providers/
Iowa Association for Education of Young Children- East Central IA Chapter	641-351-8542		Supports and advocates for quality early child care and the early childhood profession. E-mail: info@eastcentraliaaeyc.org Web: www.eastcentraliaaeyc.org
Linn County Early Childhood Iowa (ECI)	319-892-5721	Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM	ECI Board promotes quality early childhood development. Web: www.linncounty.org/981/Early-Childhood-Iowa The programs below directly support child care providers:
	319-399-6746		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. Web: https://www.gwaea.org/educators/special-education/special-ed-services
	319-538-4458		Child Care Nurse Consultant: On-site support and technical assistance to child care providers regarding child health and safety practices. E-mail: jmartin@hacap.org Web: https://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/children/
	319-393-7811, ext 1095		PACES: Training, equipment grants, and on-site and remote staff/peer support to increase quality practices and strengthen providers/programs. Web: https://www.hacap.org/what-we-do/children/