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Child Care Aware of Virginia

Choosing child care for your child is a very important and sometimes difficult decision. As a parent, you want child care that is safe and promotes the healthy development of your child.

Child Care Aware of Virginia works with parents to find child care, helps parents understand key questions to ask child care providers, and provides information on other helpful resources for parents. Start your new year as an educated consumer!



Resources for Families



Working parents know that it's tough to juggle work and family. Choosing child care can be stressful and it's not always easy to know what to look for or what to ask.

Child Care Check List for Parents

- Wondering what to ask child care providers when looking for child care? This [brief checklist](#) provides parents with suggestions to keep in mind when looking at child care options and key questions to ask child care providers. [Click here](#) for a detailed checklist for parents and providers.

Find Child Care Online

- You can begin your search online in the comfort of your own home on your own time (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) through Child Care Aware of Virginia's [online database](#).

Quick Links

- Child Care Referral – [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Types of Child Care](#)
- [Quality Indicators](#)

Quick Questions

- Is your provider licensed?
- Is your provider [accredited](#)?
- How many children are in the care of your provider?

Licensing Information

Child Care Inspection Reports are [Online!](#)

- Licensed child care providers are inspected at least twice per year.
- Take a look at your provider's inspection reports or view the

Talk to a Specialist

- Would you like personal assistance? Call 866-543-7852 Option 2 to discuss your child care needs, ask questions and receive a personalized list of referrals based on your family's needs. **Child Care Aware of Virginia's parent assistance is free.** Our goal is to provide you with options so that you can make the best decision for your family.

Child Care Aware® of Virginia is a community-based network of early care and education specialists whose purpose is to deliver services to families, child care professionals and communities to increase the accessibility, availability, and quality of child care in Virginia.

For more information, check out [our web site](#) today.

For more information for parents, [click here](#).

For more information for providers, [click here](#).

reports related to programs you might select.

Safety First!

- Does your provider have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen?
- Does your provider have working smoke detectors in each sleeping area and on each additional floor?
- Does your provider post his or her emergency evacuation plan where parents can see it?

Family Supports

- **Need help paying for child care?** Maybe your family qualifies for a subsidy. [Click here](#) for more information.
- Does your child need health insurance? [Click here](#) for more information.



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