Connecting Families and Child Care Providers—Simply and Effectively



Child Care Finder is a comprehensive statewide child care and early learning search platform in Washington. With more than 6,500 early care and education sites across the state, Child Care Finder makes it easier for families to find quality child care and for providers to connect with families who are actively searching.

How It Works

1 **Providers Update and Publish Their Profile**
Providers build a profile that highlights key details such as location, hours, ages served, openings, and what makes their program unique. Providers control their profiles and can update them at their convenience.

2 **Families Search with Ease**
Families search using filters that match their needs, such as location, transit options, schedule, program type, and more.

3 **Families and Providers Connect**
The platform helps families find providers that align with their needs, making it easier to find the right fit. Families can reach out to providers directly—no middle steps, no confusion.

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Key Features

For Early Care and Education Providers

Increased Visibility
Providers gain exposure to families actively searching for care.

Custom Profiles
Profiles can showcase programs by highlighting philosophy, strengths, and more.

Better Matches
Connections are made with families that align with a provider's offerings.

Increased Enrollment
Openings can be published in real time and filled more efficiently.

Simple Setup
Profiles can easily be created, updated, and published.

For Families

Easy Search Tools
Families can quickly identify providers that meet their needs.

Personalized Results
Search results can be filtered based on what matters most.

Detailed Profiles
Options for early care and education, including Head Start and ECEAP, can be reviewed with confidence.

Direct Outreach
Families can connect directly with programs and providers.

Time Savings
With easy access to waitlists and enrollment forms, families spend less time searching, allowing more focus on decision-making.

Supporting Families and Providers

Child Care Finder coordinates with state and regional partners to centralize Washington State child care and early learning options.

The platform, in combination with DCYF's Child Care Check, helps families make comprehensive informed choices, and it helps providers grow and sustain their programs.

Providers can update and publish their profiles at **providers.childcareawarewa.org.**

Families can receive specialized referrals and assistance with subsidy eligibility and application at **1-800-446-1114.**

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