

**CCSA's Child Care
Referral Central
"really made all the
difference" for Michelle's
child care search.**

In early fall, Michelle became a first time foster parent after she received a call on a Tuesday morning—she would be fostering Jordan, a 6-day-old baby. "I wasn't really prepared for actually searching for child care. I'm a solo parent, so it was a big adjustment to do that, and as soon as he came into the home, we had a clock ticking. We had eight weeks at home with him and then he needed to find somewhere to go during the day. By going to Child Care Services Association, it really did allow me to have one place where I could ask all my questions."



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Child Care Search at:

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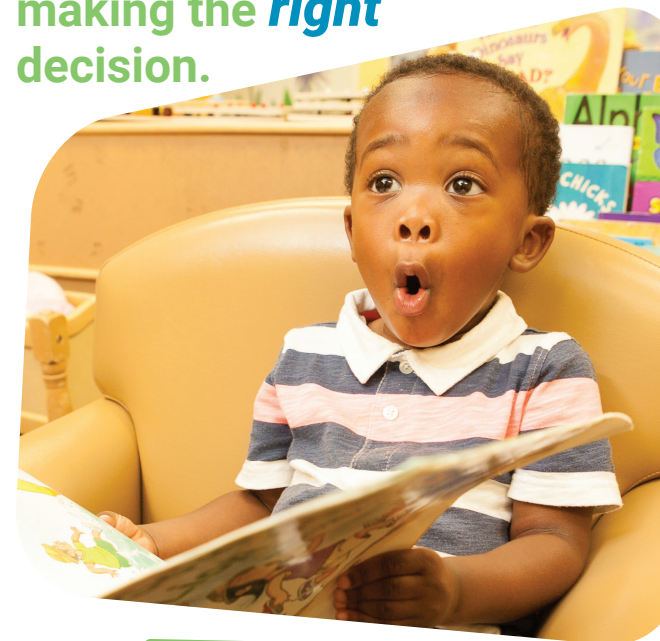
*Ensuring affordable,
accessible, high-quality child care
for all young children.*

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CCSA does not recommend nor endorse any child care program or provider, and offers information to the community without regard to the age, gender, race, color, religion, national origin, affectional orientation or disability of the service provider or the person seeking information.

**Looking for
Child Care?
We can help!**

Because there is nothing
more important than
making the **right**
decision.



Choosing Quality Child Care

Choosing the right child care provider can be a difficult decision—you want to find a program that is convenient, open when you need it, and within your budget. Most importantly, you want a program that is safe for your child, and gives you the security of knowing that your child is in a place where the potential for growth and development is greatest.

To make sure your child care supports your family's needs, it's important to choose a high quality child care program. It can be hard to identify high quality child care. CCSA's referral specialists will listen to your family's child care preferences, conduct a custom search for you, and provide details about the child care programs that meet your unique needs.



**Everything
you need to find
child care that
works for your family.**

Our Referral Experts

Will give you the tools to be confident through the child care search process. They will help you take the process one step at a time and share with you the information you'll need to make the right child care choice.

- Types of child care options. Receive a detailed printout, listing programs that are matched by criteria like: quality ratings, type of care, location, tuition rates, vacancies, ability to meet a special need, and more.
- North Carolina child care regulations
- Quality care indicators (checklists to take with you when you visit child care facilities & tips for checking references)
- Cost of care & financial assistance
- Developmentally appropriate classroom practices & positive teacher-child interactions
- Details of visits by the state licensing agency

Making a Decision

Begin as early as possible

Many programs enroll months ahead or have long waiting lists.

Call Child Care Referral Central

Speak with a referral specialist about child care quality and standards and get your customized referral list.

Visit Programs

When choosing care, visit different types of providers, such as centers & family child care homes, before you make a decision. Use our checklists to guide you.

Check References

Talk with other parents whose children are enrolled in the program you are considering.

Check Compliance

Research the compliance history for each program you are considering at NCchildcare.NCDHHS.gov.

Stay Involved

Once you have enrolled, become an involved parent. Volunteer, drop in and visit your child, and talk regularly with your child's teacher.

