

## Resources For Parents

### Books

Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs by National Association for the Education of Young Children

A Parent's Guide to Infant/Toddler Programs by Diane Trister Dodge, Amy L. Dombro & Laura J. Colker  
Preschool for Parents by Diane Trister Dodge & Toni S. Bickart

Child Care That Works by Eva Cochran & Mon Cochran

### Websites

[www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org) (National Association for the Education of Young Children)

[www.iarrcc.org](http://www.iarrcc.org) (Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral)

[www.redleafpress.org](http://www.redleafpress.org) (Readleaf Press)

[www.depcare.org](http://www.depcare.org) (DCMI)

### Public Libraries

Princeton Public Library, 130 South Hart, Princeton, IN  
812 385-4464

Owensville Public Library, Public Square, Owensville, IN  
812 724-3335

Oakland City Public Library, 210 S. Main, Oakland City, IN  
812 749-3559

Ft. Branch Public Library, 107 East Locust, Ft. Branch, IN  
812 753-4212

Haubstadt Branch, 101 South Main, Haubstadt, IN  
812 768-6005

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# How To Find Quality Child Care



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The choice of child care is an important decision. A quality program can be a very positive and nurturing experience for children. There are several types of child care options available. A parent should check out each one and determine what is best for their child. Options for child care include: Family Child Care Home, Licensed Family Child Care, Center-Based Care, or Registered Child Care Ministry. After school care is provided by some of these programs. For information on child care, contact

Gibson County  
Child Care Resource and Referral  
(812) 385-3457 or (800) 805-8028

Also check the WEB at [www.carefinder.org](http://www.carefinder.org)  
(State wide listing of licensed facilities)

### **Making the Decision**

You will need to consider

- who will give your child the best care
- how much you can afford to pay
- what hours are available
- where your child will be the safest and healthiest
- which caregiver has activities that your child will enjoy and benefit from.

### **Child Care Checklist**

What To Ask

- What is the child/staff ratio?
- What is the training and experience of the caregivers?
- Will the staff allow you to look at all areas your child will be using?
- Are parents always welcome to visit?
- Is there a written plan for play and learning activities?
- Is there a written discipline policy?
- What is the policy for sick children?
- What kinds of foods are served?
- What is the cost for child care?

What To Look For

- Staff that seem to enjoy caring for the children
- Bright, cheerful, and well-ventilated environment
- Clean and well-maintained equipment
- Happy children
- Individual cots or mats for nap time
- Clean diaper changing area for infants/toddlers
- Plenty of toys and activities that are safe and appropriate
- Adult supervision at all times
- Safe area to play both indoors and outdoors