



STEPS TO FINDING THE BEST CHILD CARE FOR YOUR FAMILY

STEP ONE: Gather a list of potential child care providers

Contact Children & Families First Child Care Referral Service (AccessCare) for a list of licensed child care providers located close to home, work or in between.

- CALL 1-800-734-2388
- VISIT cffde.org/accesscare
- NARROW your search by calling child care centers and family child care homes to determine if they have openings, fees, etc.

STEP TWO: Schedule Visits and Ask Questions

- OBSERVE space and materials
- OBSERVE interactions between the teachers and children
- ASK questions

STEP THREE: Decide

- THINK about what you saw and the information you gathered at each visit and make the best choice for your family.
- CALL provider to complete enrollment.

STEP FOUR: Follow up

- COMMUNICATE regularly with your child care provider
- ADDRESS concerns as soon as possible