

If you're a working parent, you're not alone.

It is estimated that there are at least 22 million U.S. families who need child care so that they can work.

Families are struggling to balance family and work while providing their children with quality care. Today's jobs don't just consume more time, they consume more physical and emotional energy.

Your organization recognizes this. As part of an effort to provide family-friendly policies to its employees, they are offering child care resource and referral services through Illinois Action for Children.

There is an Easier Way to Find Child Care



Contact us!

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Or, we can contact you.



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**Illinois Action for Children's
Child Care Resource &
Referral Services for a
Family-Friendly Workplace**



WE CAN HELP YOU FIND CHILD CARE!

Illinois Action for Children (IAFC) is one of 16 Child Care Resource and Referral agencies in Illinois. We can help you explore the types of care options that are available for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years, at no cost to you.

In addition to child care referrals, we can also provide information about:

- Child care financial assistance;
- Child care licensing and regulations;
- What to look for when searching for high-quality child care including quality indicators and accreditations.

Our extensive database of child care providers, accessed via our resource and referral network, helps parents explore all types of available child care for children from 6 weeks to 12 years old, including:

- Family child care homes
- Child care centers
- Preschools
- Head Start and pre-kindergarten
- Before and after school programs
- Summer camps
- Au pairs and nannies

HOW IT WORKS

STEP 1: Consultation

IAFCs experienced Child Care Coordinators are familiar with the child care options in your community and will provide you with an individualized consultation to outline your specific child care needs. They will ask you about:

- Your preferred type of care;
- Locations; Hours;
- And other key information

They will also provide you with tips for interviewing and selecting the right provider. Call or email a consultant to begin.

STEP 3: Contact Programs

Once you receive your referrals, you can begin to contact and set up interviews with the child care programs and providers that you have selected, so that you can determine for yourself if your needs, and the needs of your child, will be met.

Your dedicated Child Care Coordinator will follow up with you to check on your progress and to see if you need additional assistance. You are always welcome to email or call your Child Care Coordinator with any questions or concerns.

STEP 2: Referrals

After the initial consultation, your Child Care Coordinator will research and compile information, including costs and availability, on the programs that match your needs.

Then, they will contact you within 2 days to provide you with the referrals and discuss and help you evaluate each option. This process can be expedited in emergency cases.

NOTE: Child Care Coordinators can only provide referrals, not recommendations. The quality of services provided cannot be assured by Illinois Action for Children or your employer.

