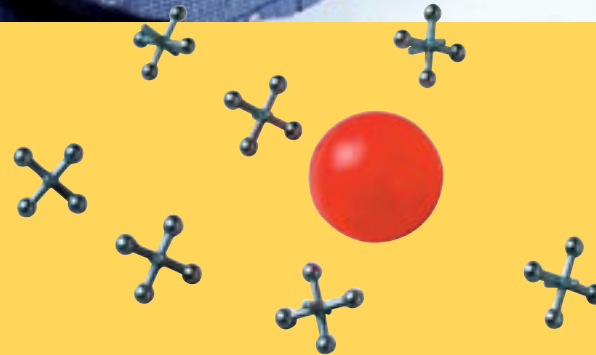


Child Support Enforcement

Is a Federal /State/Local partnership to collect child support: Child Support Enforcement goals are to ensure that children have financial support of both their parents, to foster responsible behavior towards children, and to reduce welfare costs. For more information on how the child support system works in your State, contact your State Child Support Enforcement agency.

To obtain the locations visit
<http://www.usda.gov/da/employ/ffwg.htm>



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Choosing a Quality Care Giver

A Care Giver should:

Smile often and communicate a positive attitude to the children.

Always pay attention to the children, answer their questions. Respond quickly when they cry or otherwise require his/her intervention.

Help children understand what they are feeling. Particularly for children entering their first day care setting, there is much to learn and adjust to.

Help by understanding the child and helping the child to understand himself/herself.

Encourage children to get along, help them to do so by minimizing competition (for example having more than one favorite toy), praising cooperative behavior, and helping children to understand how their behaviors affect those around them.

Remember you are paying this person, this is their job, and they shouldn't be involved in anything that distracts them from, or interferes with their caring for the children during the hours of operation.

Child Care Aware

For assistance in locating Child Care Services in your Area, call the Child Resource and Referral Agency at 1-800-424-2246 (M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time) or visit the website at <http://www.childcareaware.org>

National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care

The Center promotes health and safety for in and out home Child Care Settings throughout the nation. Each state manages the licensure of child care settings in different ways. For more information call
1 800-598-KIDS

Children With Special Needs

The National Information Center for Children and Youth (NICHCY) with Disabilities is an Organization that assists parents in locating Child Care for special needs children. NICHCY will send you free of charge two useful publications, A Parent's Guide: Accessing Programs for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers with Disabilities and A Parent's Guide: Accessing Parent Groups. For more information regarding resources or referral agencies in your area call: 1-800-695-0285.

Sick Child/Emergency Care

All children get sick from time to time. Most child care centers have policies about sick children and very few allow children with contagious disease to attend. Some day care centers set aside space to care for mildly ill children. These centers usually have a nurse on staff or on call. To find out if there is a center in your area, contact the National Association of Sick Child Day Care Centers at (804) 747-5900.

USDA Child Care Centers Located in the Metropolitan Area

WASHINGTON, DC
USDA Child Development Center (Headquarters)
Yates Building
201 14th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20250
(202) 205-1133

MARYLAND
USDA Small Wonders
5601 Sunnyside Avenue
Beltsville, MD 20705
(301) 504-2391

Sunny Days Early Learning Center
4700 River Road
Riverdale, MD 20737
(301) 864-0714

USDA Forest Service Child Care Centers Located in the Field

To obtain more information Contact the Forest Service representative at (703) 605-5200, ext 3134 Or visit
<http://www.usda.gov/da/employ/ffwg.htm>

General Services Administration Child Care Centers

General Services Administration Child Care Centers located nationwide can be found at
<http://hydra.gsa.gov/pbs/centers/child/centers.htm>

Nursing Mothers Room

Nursing Mothers Rooms are located in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area and in certain field locations. To obtain the locations visit
<http://www.usda.gov/da/employ/ffwg.htm>