

Child Care Resource Tip Sheet

Agencies Needed & Why

Contact information

<p>County Licensor</p> <p>The state of Minnesota licenses child care to protect the health, safety, and individual rights of the children in care. Child care licensure is mandated in law and ensures that licensed programs provide healthy and safe settings that meet quality standards.</p>	 <p>Contact the Human Services division in your county and ask for child care licensor or visit the state website: https://mn.gov/dhs/general-public/about-dhs/contact-us/</p> <p>OR for comprehensive information about licensing: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=DHS-289073</p>
<p>Child Care Aware</p> <p>We believe that every child deserves quality care and education. By guiding and connecting families, educating and supporting providers, and informing and standing with our community through local and statewide partners, we're working towards building a diverse, high-quality child care system accessible to all Minnesota families.</p>	 <p>Child Care Aware 10 River Park Plaza, Suite 820, St. Paul, MN 55107 888-291-9811</p> <p>www.childcareawaremn.org</p>
<p>Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsors</p> <p>This program reimburses meals served in family child and center care settings. It is an extension of the USDA School Lunch Program.</p> <p>Children are served a variety of nutritious meals and snacks in this program. Also, several nutrition resources and training are provided free of charge to participants. Interview all four programs before making your final decision on the best fit for you.</p> <p><i>As you interview each CACFP sponsor, ask them if they offer a startup grant for family child care of up to \$300 to qualified providers.</i></p>	 <p>Adults' & Children's Alliance 2021 E Hennepin Avenue LL20 Minneapolis MN 55413 800-433-8108 • www.acainc.org</p>  <p>Child Care & Nutrition, Inc. 324 N. Norman St. PO Box 138 Ivanhoe, MN 56142 800-634-3359 • www.childcarenutrition.com</p>  <p>Milestones PO Box 548 Waite Park, MN 56387 800-288-8549 • www.milestonesmn.org</p>  <p>Providers Choice, Inc. PO Box 390813 Minneapolis, MN 55439 800-400-7241 • www.providerschoice.com</p>
<p>First Children's Finance</p> <p>Provides loans and financial technical assistance to child care centers and family providers looking to expand or improve facilities and programs in Minnesota.</p>	 <p>First Children's Finance 111 Third Ave. N., Suite 220 Minneapolis, MN 55401 866.562.6801 www.firstchildrensfinance.org</p>
<p>Center for Inclusive Child Care</p> <p>Provides free relationship-based professional development (RBPD) including support, training, modeling, and resources to child care programs throughout Minnesota.</p>	 <p>Center for Inclusive Child Care Concordia University 1282 Concordia Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104 651-603-6279 https://www.inclusivechildcare.org</p>

In addition to the above resources, your local Economic Development Association in your community may have start up funding and/or forgivable loans available for setting up a daycare in your town. Call your local city administrator or city office and ask if assistance is available in your area.