

Child Care Resource and Referral
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NEED HELP FINDING CHILD CARE?

For a **FREE** referral to licensed child care providers – call (970) 377-3388, press option 4. or 1-877-338-2273



Choosing a licensed child care provider that meets your family's needs AND you can afford is no easy task. On average, it takes most families about two weeks to screen and select a child care provider. The steps listed below will make the process easier by helping you make sure you're asking the right questions:

- 1. Call the Child Care Resource and Referral Program as soon as you know you will need child care.** Dial (970) 377-3388, option 4. We will do our best to assist you immediately, otherwise a referral specialist will respond to your voice mail within 1 business day.
- 2. 20-30 minutes on the phone can save you hours of searching.** A referral specialist will help evaluate your specific child care needs and search our database of around 400 child care providers. You will receive a customized list of 5-10 providers that match your family's exact needs.
- 3. Take your time interviewing child care providers.** Our referrals include only licensed child care providers that meet minimum state health and safety requirements—it's up to you to visit child care providers and decide who will be the best caregiver for your child or children. We recommend that you visit at least three child care programs before making your decision.
- 4. Always ask for references and be sure to call them.** All reputable child care providers will offer names and phone numbers of client families. Make sure you ask detailed questions, especially whether they were satisfied and if they would use the provider again.
- 5. Before enrolling, check for complaints or licensing violations.** Contact the Division of Early Care and Learning at (800) 799-5876 or online at www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.org and click on the "child care facility search" button. We also suggest that you ask the provider to see their most recent licensing inspection report.

