



For those who are still working and have a need for childcare due to the school closures please see the below resources for assistance.

Please note: Fishers Youth Assistance does not provide direct referrals and/or recommendations as each childcare consideration is personal and will vary based on each family's needs.

## STATE-OPERATED REFERRAL PROGRAMS

### Child Care Answers

Phone: (317) 636-5727/Toll Free: (800) 272-2937

Website: <http://www.childcareanswers.com>

- Call the above number to connect with a representative that will provide a list of childcare options based on your personal needs.

**Child Care Finder** operated through Indiana Family & Social Services Administration

<https://www.in.gov/fssa/childcarefinder/>

- Conduct an online search where you can search by geographic area, number/ages of children as well as by ranking and licensure.

## ONLINE SEARCH ENGINES

### Child Care Centers

<https://childcarecenter.us/>

- Online listings by zip code of daycare centers, home daycares, and nanny/sitter resources

### Care.com

<https://www.care.com/child-care>

- Care.com provides information and tools to help care seekers and care providers connect and make informed decisions on childcare. These resources include individual sitters as well as in-home care providers with smaller groups.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCES**

There are many college-aged and high school students home right now advertising their services. Additionally, many adults who are currently out of work or receiving less hours are also offering to watch children for others. Following reputable, known Facebook pages might help to find someone who is available right now. Please see below considerations to remember when hiring a care provider.

### **Hamilton County & Greater Indy Nanny and Sitter Network**

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/336853966664704/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/groups/336853966664704/?ref=br_rs)

### **Childcare Seekers & Providers Indiana**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1680206992198586/>

### **Childcare & Tutoring in Fishers & Noblesville Indiana**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/586865398022896/>

### **Fishers, IN moms group**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/778801388876784/>

## CONSIDERATIONS TO REMEMBER WHEN HIRING A CARE PROVIDER

While the need to be at work is essential, there are still considerations when choosing childcare that should be remembered. Here are the top considerations to remember as recommended by the Early Childhood Alliance:

### Adult to Child Ratio

- Infants: 1 to 4
- Toddlers (2 years): 1 to 5
- Preschool (3-4 years): 1 to 10

### Learning Environment

- Activities are age-appropriate
- Children are being prepared for school
- Parent engagement is encouraged

### Group Size

- Are all children engaged with the caregiver?

### Caregivers' Qualifications

- Credentials/experience working with children
- Current background checks by federal/state/local
- Staff receives annual training
- Program participates in Paths to QUALITY™

### Safe and Healthy Environment

- Staff with current CPR and first aid training is always present
- Environment is clean and safe
- Safe sleep environment provided to infants

\*SHARED FROM: [HTTPS://WWW.ECALLIANCE.ORG/FAMILIES/FIND-CHILD-CARE/](https://www.ecalliance.org/families/find-child-care/)

Additionally, you can refer to the below links for checklists when interviewing providers:

[https://www.childcareaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Center-Checklist\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.childcareaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Center-Checklist_FINAL.pdf)

<https://childcareanswers.com/your-guide-to-child-care/what-to-look-for/>

## ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

If you need assistance with the cost of childcare you can apply for support to the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) at: [EarlyEdConnect.FSSA.IN.gov](http://EarlyEdConnect.FSSA.IN.gov)

Information about qualifications for CCDF can be found at:

<http://brighterfuturesindiana.org/help-paying-for-child-care-indiana-voucher-scholarship/>