



On-Line Child Care Search

TIPS to expedite your Search

Log-In

- Set up an account by entering your email address and creating a password.

Enter Personal Information before Proceeding with Search

- The information gathered is confidential and only used to report demographic data to United Way of Central Alabama who funds this service.

Select Search Options (results are determined by the City and/or Zip Code, and other options selected.)

- The more criteria you select, the fewer child care choices will be provided.
- To see a larger number of choices, choose fewer criteria.
- A maximum of up to 12 randomly selected child care programs are presented per search. If you receive 12, search again to possibly see other choices.

Type of Care (Please refer to our new *Quality Child Care* brochure for descriptions and guidelines.)

- For Mother's Day Out programs, select *Preschool Program*.
- For After-School-Care for school-age children, select *Child Care Center + School Age + Family Child Care*.
- For Home Care, select *Family Child Care + (FCC) Family Child Care – Group*.
- For Head Start programs, call Childcare Resources (205)252-1991, Ext 317.

Age Range for Care Search

- If needing care for a newborn infant, use 1 month 2 weeks (6 weeks) – most programs accept 6-week-olds.
- If searching for multiple children, the result will be limited to only those programs that can serve all your children entered on the search screen for the youngest to the oldest child. If there are insufficient *search* results, consider searching for each child individually.

Days and Hours

- Enter the opening and closing times you need for care. After you enter times for Monday, click on the *blue arrow*; times for Tuesday - Friday will be entered for you.
- If you enter 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., programs that open at 7:00 a.m. and/or earlier (not later) and close at 6:00 p.m. and/or later will be included in your search.
- If times for Saturday and Sunday differ from times for Monday - Friday, you must enter the times separately. If searching for Saturday and/or Sunday care only, you must remove the times for Monday-Friday.

How can I improve my search results?

- If you are receiving the same results and using your back button to return to the Search screen, you will need to select different options to receive different results.
- If you continue to receive the same results, use the link at the top of the Search screen to return to the Search screen and start your *search* again.

Childcare Resources does not warrant information concerning any provider nor does it license, endorse or recommend a particular provider. Only you can determine whether the quality of care is appropriate for your child.