

### Children & Families First Childcare Initiatives

AccessCare: Childcare Referral Program

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# Early Childhood Resource & Referral

AccessCare: Childcare Referral program

For Families:

Help **EDUCATE** on what **QUALITY** childcare looks like.

Help **LOCATE** childcare in their area.



#### **Educate**

Childcare crisis in America and specifically in De.



- \*Center Based
  - \*Family Childcare
  - \* Large Family Childcare
  - Financial Assistance
     \*Purchase of Care
     \*Sliding scale
     \*Sibling Discounts
- What meets your families' needs?

  \*Operational Hours

  \*Costs

  \*Location

# WHAT DOES QUALITY CHILDCARE LOOK LIKE?

- <u>Licensing Requirements and Records: Bare Minimum</u>
   <u>Requirements</u> Our provider reports have a link that takes parents directly to licensing reports.
- Quality Improvement System: Delaware Stars is being revamped. A voluntary program used to improve and communicate the level of quality in early care and education and school-age settings.
- <u>Accreditation:</u> National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation, National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs (NAC), National Association for Family Childcare Association.



#### **Ask Questions:**

- How does the provider communicate with parents?
- What is daily schedule?
- Staff educational level?

#### **Visit providers:**

- Observe physical space/environment
- Observe provider/child interactions
- Observe learning materials





## Assistance with **LOCATING**Childcare in their area:

AccessCare Website: <a href="www.cffde.org/accesscare">www.cffde.org/accesscare</a>

Families can run their own search using our userfriendly data base.

Families can also fill out an inquiry form and we will contact them.

Call our hotline <u>1-800-734-2388</u>

Speak to a Childcare Specialist.

We can run a report and send it to the family from the database.

Or requested Enhanced Services:

Our Childcare Specialist can be more hands on in finding providers with availability.

https://www.cffde.org/accesscare

#### **MyChildDE.org**



My Child DE is a user-friendly website that brings together resources to help families, providers and other caretakers make informed choices for the children of Delaware. The goal of My Child DE is to help these groups feel welcome, informed and empowered to engage, learn and take the next steps needed to support children.



## Contact Information:

All Referrals should come through the Help Line or Online Inquiry Forms on :

https://www.cffde.org/accesscare

Resource & Referral Help Line: 800-734-2388