

Financial Assistance
for High-Quality

Child Care

for Working Families in Lake County



Quality child care can be expensive. Fortunately, there may be financial assistance for hard-working, Indiana families that meet certain income criteria. And, some providers may have flexibility to help families help families who don't meet the income criteria.

Always ask your provider if they offer partial scholarships, subsidies, or sliding fee scales.

How to Find a High-Quality Child Care Provider in Lake County

Start Here >>



Call Early Learning Connections at Geminus Child Care Resource and Referral Agency (CCR&R)

Talk to a specialist who can offer profiles of early child care and education programs to assist you in selecting high-quality providers. This service is free and confidential. Local: (219) 757-1800 Toll-free: (844) 685-1500
Email: info@geminus.org



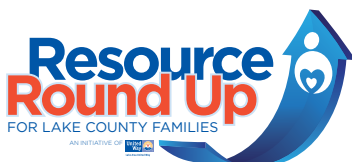
Search and Map Indiana Child Care Providers

Explore the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) Online Child Care Finder: www.in.gov/fssa/childcarefinder/



Support Your Child's Early Learning

Discover age-appropriate play and learning aids, and learn about developmental milestones, screenings, and services through Brighter Futures Indiana: www.brighterfuturesindiana.org



Take Care of Your Whole Family

Even hard-working families need a little help from time to time. Search Lake Area United Way's Resource Round Up to connect with helping organizations: www.resourceroundup.com

Income Guidelines for CCDF Initial Application (March 31, 2020)	
FAMILY SIZE	GROSS MONTHLY INCOME
2	\$1,825
3	\$2,299
4	\$2,773
5	\$3,247
6	\$3,721
7	\$4,195
8	\$4,669

OPTION 1

Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) for children birth to age 13.

CCDF is a federal program that helps low-income families obtain child care so that they may work, attend training or continue their education. The purpose of CCDF is to increase the availability, affordability and quality of child care.

Contact: CCDF Intake Agent--Region 1A
Automated Health Systems
Phone: 855-533-7342
Toll-Free: 855-533-7342
Fax: 855-631-0120
Apply Online: www.earlyedconnect.fssa.in.gov



OPTION 2

Head Start and Early Head Start

Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children under five (5) from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development. Head Start programs provide a learning environment that supports children’s growth in many areas such as language, literacy and social and emotional development. Head Start emphasizes the role of parents as their child’s first and most important teacher. These programs help build relationships with families that support family well-being and many other important areas.

Early Head Start programs serve infants, toddlers and pregnant women and their families who have incomes below the federal poverty level. Early Head Start programs were established in recognition of the mounting evidence that the earliest years matter a great deal to a child’s growth and development.

Contact: To find a Head Start or Early Head Start program, call 866-763-6481, or use the Head Start locator: www.eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/center-locator



OPTION 3

On My Way Pre-K

If your child will be 4 years old by August 1st and your family meets other program requirements, you can apply for On My Way Pre-K, Indiana’s first pre-kindergarten funding for high-quality pre-K programs located within your community.

Contact: Find out if your child is eligible.
Call 1-800-299-1627 <https://earlyedconnect.fssa.in.gov/>

Income Guidelines for On My Way Pre-K (March 31, 2020)	
FAMILY SIZE	GROSS MONTHLY INCOME
2	\$1,825
3	\$2,299
4	\$2,773
5	\$3,247
6	\$3,721
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Are You Searching for E-Learning Assistance & Out-of-School Programming?

Contact >> Jessica Callard, E-Learning and Out-of-School Time Navigator (708) 539-3570 or jcallard@lauw.org

Search and Map >> Out-of-School Time Providers

Indiana Afterschool Network’s Out-of-School Time Program Search:
www.indianaafterschool.org/state/mapping-database/

Local Nonprofit Afterschool Care Providers

- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater NWI** (219) 764-2582 www.bgcgreaterwi.org
- **Griffith YMCA** (219) 750-1082 www.crymca.org/griffith
- **Hammond YMCA** (219) 845-1507 www.crymca.org/hammond
- **Whiting YMCA** (219) 370-5091 www.crymca.org/whiting
- **Hobart Family YMCA** (219) 942-2183 www.hobartymca.org

