



## Types of Legal Child Care

Everyone can play a role in increasing awareness and commitment for quality early learning experiences. The following are types of regulated child care:

**Family Child Care Homes** are registered by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to care for up to six (6) children. They may also care for an additional two (2) school-age children.

**Group Family Child Care Homes** are licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to care for up to twelve (12) children and an additional four (4) school-age children.

**Child Care Centers** are licensed by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. The size of a child care center varies. The children are grouped by age and each group has size limits. Adult/child ratios must be maintained.

**School-Age Child Care Programs** are registered by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to care for children before and after school and during school holidays and vacations. The children are grouped by age. There are group size limits. Adult/child ratios must be maintained.

## Call the Community Child Care Clearinghouse of Niagara for:

- Referrals to licensed and registered child care programs.
- Answers to questions concerning child care.
- Information on becoming a family child care business.
- Information about training programs.



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Niagara County's Child Care  
Resource and Referral Program

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"An informational source"*



## Program Description

The Community Child Care Clearinghouse of Niagara strives to raise community awareness about the importance of affordable and high quality child care for all families. The Clearinghouse is a member of a statewide and national system of child care resource and referral programs. The Community Child Care Clearinghouse of Niagara is quality assured by Child Care Aware of America and standard of excellence certified by the Early Care and Learning Council.

The Clearinghouse provides information on a variety of services needed by child care providers, parents, businesses and the community in general. The Community Child Care Clearinghouse of Niagara is an informational resource for child care needs.



## Services for Businesses and Community

The Community Child Care Clearinghouse of Niagara offers resources for businesses to assist employees with child care needs. Dependable, quality child care provides peace of mind and allows employees to maintain consistent attendance and a more focused job performance. The Clearinghouse is available for on-site assistance to businesses and the community.



## Services for Parents

High Quality early learning experiences prepare young children for success in school, job training, employment and community life. The Community Child Care Clearinghouse of Niagara provides parents with information needed on licensed child care centers and group family child care homes, registered family child care homes and school-age child care programs.

Child care referrals may be obtained by contacting our office by phone, in person or on-line at [www.childcareofniagara.com](http://www.childcareofniagara.com).

The information made available to parents is the location of the provider, days and hours of operation, phone number and type of program.

Referrals, whether provided through our office or on-line, are free of charge. The Clearinghouse is funded by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

## Services for Providers

Quality child care programs have a positive impact on a child's cognitive, physical, social and emotional development. Studies show that the quality of care provided improves as a caregiver's level of training and education increases. All child care providers are required to complete 30 hours of training every two (2) years to maintain their license or registration. These training classes are offered through the Clearinghouse as well as on-line. In addition, the Community Child Care Clearinghouse of Niagara provides technical assistance and support to all child care providers to help in the operation of child care programs.

Child care providers can participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). This is a nutrition education and meal reimbursement program helping providers serve nutritious and safely prepared meals and snacks to children in day care settings. The income from this program is tax-free. "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

If you are interested in becoming a registered or licensed family child care provider, there is a required orientation video which is offered at an Introduction to Family Child Care class through our office or on-line. For more information, please contact our office.



