



Monday - Friday | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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## About Child Care Answers

Child Care Answers aims to assure the highest level of early childhood education for children in Central Indiana. To achieve this, we support:

- Families looking for child care and needing support with related challenges
- Community agencies and businesses who support families or can impact the state of early childhood education in Indiana
- Aspiring child care providers preparing to become licensed
- Established child care programs looking for connections to resources

Proudly serving the counties of:



### Hamilton

Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville, Westfield

### Hendricks

Avon, Brownsburg, Danville, Plainfield

### Marion

Indianapolis, Beech Grove, Lawrence

## Where we've been...and where we're going

Child Care Answers began as a program of the Day Nursery Association in September 1985. Back then, **families** could **call or visit** to get help tailored to their individual needs as they **located and evaluated child care options**. Today, we continue to offer this service, with the added conveniences of **email and online** support. From the beginning, we partnered directly with **community agencies and businesses**, helping them better understand the **importance of early childhood education** and their role in improving it. We continue to invest in and expand our focus on families and the community.

We began providing support and training for family child care home providers, later expanding to child care centers and unlicensed registered ministries. As of October 1, 2019, we will transition to focus on those interested in **starting their own child care business**. We will refer established programs to our partner agencies for professional development, coaching, and onsite support.





## Families

- Individualized referrals for families to family child care homes, centers, ministries, pre-schools, before/after school and summer programs
- Information on Indiana's Paths to QUALITY rating plus laws and regulations relating to child care

- Enhanced services for families with children who have special needs, infants/toddlers and military families
- Education on how to choose a quality child care and early education program

- Parent workshops on child development topics such as Bedtime Basics, Breastfeeding, Biting, Potty Training, and other topics
- Connection to other community resources beneficial to families with small children



## Communities

- Increase awareness of the importance of quality child care and its effects on the broader economic and social community
- Help businesses develop work-life policies and programs related to child care needs of employees
- Build partnerships with organizations also focused on families and young children
- Deliver workshops to the community, employers, and their employees
- Track data on child care trends, identifying gaps and solutions



## Child Care Professionals

- Recruit new Early Childhood programs into communities where there is a need for high quality child care
- Provide mandated orientation trainings and support to child care providers working to become licensed
- Increase child care provider knowledge in business operations
- Connect child care providers to resources such as community supports, grants, or professional development organizations

Let us help!

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