



Child Care Alternatives: In-Home, Back-Up, and Special Needs Care

When searching for childcare, parents sometimes prefer having someone provide care in the child's home. In-home care is convenient. It can include all children in the family and can be flexible if the children are sick or if a parent has an unusual work schedule. The range of services offered can include full and part-time care, back-up care, sick care; special needs care and live-in care. In-home childcare is also typically the most expensive type of care.

Before making a selection, parents should contact several agencies. 4C encourages parents to ask how caregivers are screened and trained, what insurance the agency carries, how long the agency has been in operation and request references from families using the service. It is often helpful to request written information about current fees and services offered.

Something else to consider, if you pay someone to care for your child in your home, you may be creating an employer/employee arrangement. By law as an "employer," you may have to pay employee taxes and benefits including, but not limited to, social security (FICA) and federal unemployment tax and as well as state unemployment and workers compensation costs. Ask for advise from your tax consultant before choosing in-home care.

IN-HOME AGENCIES

Au Pairs

Au Pairs are young people, aged 18-26, often from European countries. In exchange for providing 40-50 hours of child care per week and performing light housekeeping tasks related to the children's needs, Au Pairs receive room and board and weekly payments. European Au Pairs travel to the U.S. as part of a one-year cultural exchange program using a J-1 tourist visa. They may or may not have previous child care experience.

Nannies

Nannies are employed by the family on a live-in or live-out basis to undertake all domestic tasks related to the care of children. Nannies' workweeks typically range from 40-60 hours per week. Nannies often work unsupervised. They may or may not have had formal childcare training though often nannies have had a good deal of work experience. Payment is typically \$400-\$600 per week.

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Back-Up Care

Backup care is any kind of childcare that fills gaps resulting from illness, school holidays, caregiver vacations or any other breakdown in regular care. Backup care can also include times when the regular center or family childcare provider is not open for business such as evenings and weekends.

Back-Up Care Agencies

Oak Creek Church Day Care 5280 Bigger Rd Kettering OH 45440	937-434-5586
Young Learners World 1200 Norwich Lane Centerville OH 45459	937-433-5437
Little School Child Care Center 1049 W Alex Road West Carrollton OH 45449	937-859-5361
Kindercare Learning Center 2221 North Fairfield Rd Beavercreek OH 45431	937-426-4412
Kinderhaus-Two 2195 Beaver Valley Rd Fairborn OH 45324	937-879-9565
Rainbow Child Development Center 1000 Rainbow Court Fairborn OH 45324	937-878-9400
Kindercare Learning Center #111 7161 Brandt Pike Huber Hts OH 45424	937-236-8490
LaPetite Academy 100 West Winger Rd Englewood OH 45322	937-832-2891
Moorehouse Christian 60 Santa Clara Ave Dayton OH 45405	937-274-7765

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Grace Child Development Center 1001 Harvard Blvd Dayton OH 45406	937-278-4636
Young Dimensions Child Care Center 4257 Hoover Ave Dayton OH 45417	937-268-0747
Mini University – Montgomery Co. 40 Vista View Dr Dayton OH 45402	937-461-9027
Creative World of Child Care 1720 Belvo Rd. Miamisburg OH 45342	937-866-2106
Children’s Creative Center 4130 Free Pike Dayton OH 45416	937-274-5495
Dearborn Daycare Center 532 Dearborn Ave Dayton OH 4408	937-268-1009
New Lebanon Christian Day Care 575 West Main St New Lebanon OH 45345	937-687-7087
Earth Angels Child Care Center 2363 Dayton Pike Germantown OH 45327	937-855-2273
Kiddie Kingdom 1075 Jasper Rd Xenia OH 45385	937-372-4986
Grace School for Young Children 301 E Market St Washington CH OH 43160	740-335-1028

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Local Nanny Agencies

Nanny Placement Service

2677 Montana Ave. # 12
Cincinnati, OH 45211

513-661-4245
1-888-539-8119 (toll free)
www.nannyplaceohio.com

- **Caregiver Requirements:** Must be at least 18 years old with high school diploma, two years childcare experience, First Aid/CPR training, three references and police check.
- **Type of Care:** Nanny services, housekeepers, personal assistants, elder care, night nurses, and companions.
- **Fees:** \$100 retainer fee for full-time care, deducted from total fee; placement fee is one month's salary or \$1,800 (full-time), \$500 (part-time) whichever is greater; \$10-\$15 per hour depending on needs.
- **Areas Served:** Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana

National Nanny and Au Pair Agencies

Au Pair in America

3820 Dakota Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

Mary Rose Boyle, 221-7248
www.aupairinamerica.com

- **Caregiver Requirements:** Caregivers are 18-26 years old with high school diploma or equivalent, police check and physical required. Caregivers must have child care experience with references and First Aid/CPR training required. Caregivers are insured.
- **Type of Care:** Live-in caregiver up to 45 hours per week.
- **Fees:** contact **Company** for complete fee information including but not limited to application, placement, weekly and other costs.
- **Areas Served:** Dayton Ohio and All of US

Au Pair Care

600 California Street, 10th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94108

1-800-4-AUPAIR
Local Contact: Erin Hoerig, 937-684-4606
www.aupaircare.com

- **Caregiver Requirements:** Caregivers are age 18-26, must have high school diploma or equivalent, police check and TB test required. Caregivers are insured. Must have childcare experience and training provided.
- **Type of Care:** Live-in caregivers
- **Fees:** contact **Company** for complete fee information including but not limited to application, placement, weekly and other costs.
- **Areas Served:** Dayton, Ohio, and all of US

Au Pair USA

161 Sixth Ave. 10th Floor
New York, NY 10013

1-800-AUPAIRS
www.aupairusa.org

- **Caregiver Requirements:** Caregivers (male or female) are age 18-26, high school diploma or equivalent required. Must have police check, TB test, medical history, childcare experience and child care references. Caregivers are insured.
- **Type of Care:** Live-in caregiver up to 45 hours per week.
- **Fees:** contact **Company** for complete fee information including but not limited to application, placement, weekly and other costs.
- **Areas Served:** All of US

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Cultural Care Au Pair

1 Education Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

1-800-333-6056

Local Contact: Julie Weeden, (513) 683-5245

www.culturalcare.com

- **Caregiver Requirements:** Caregivers are insured, have police checks, physicals, 18-26 years old, secondary education, previous child care experience, references and child care training. Caregivers are required to have international driver's licenses.
- **Type of Care:** Live-in caregivers
- **Fees: contact Company** for complete fee information including but not limited to application, placement, weekly and other costs.
- **Areas Served:** Dayton and entire U.S.

Additional Resources:**Sinclair Community College Student Services**

(937) 512-2772 phone, (937) 512-2226 fax, website www.sinclair.edu/about (search for student services, student employment, and/or career services). College students will generally only provide care on a part time basis.

University of Dayton Student Services

(937) 229-3249 or www.udayton.edu

(Enter <http://campus.udayton.edu/~stdev/studenthandbook/index>)

Friends of the Family

(937) 428-4250 this is a private pay national agency.

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