



## Exploring Alternate Child Care Options

Finding a child care option that meets your family's needs can be challenging, especially after you have exhausted your options for licensed providers. Families often discover that finding child care requires using informal networks within the community.

Here are some additional ways to explore additional child care options.

### LOCAL SCHOOLS

- Ask the secretary and other school staff about local child care providers who offer care out of their homes.
- Talk to a high school guidance counselor to help identify responsible teens who might be able to help if you need care in the evenings or weekends.
- Talk to parents in your child's class to learn how they found child care. There could be child care providers in your neighborhood who offer unlicensed care.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

- Before posting to social media, **check your privacy settings** to make sure you're comfortable posting about your need for child care within your network.
- Post on your social media accounts that you are looking for child care in your neighborhood. Explore referrals from trusted friends in your social media circle.
- Search social media for local parent groups that would allow you to post your child care needs on their group page.

### COLLEGE STUDENTS

- Contact the early childhood programs at local universities or community colleges to see if there are any students looking for work and who have a flexible schedule to provide care.
- Ask if there is an online job board or place where you could post your child care needs.

### OTHER RESOURCES

The websites below may offer full-time and part-time care, in-home care, back-up care, sick care, special needs care and live-in care. Follow the links below if you have exhausted all options.

- [www.sittercity.com](http://www.sittercity.com)
- [www.care.com](http://www.care.com)
- [www.babysittersregistry.com](http://www.babysittersregistry.com)
- [www.babysitease.com](http://www.babysitease.com)
- [www.pinknannies.com](http://www.pinknannies.com)
- [www.childcareprofessionals.com](http://www.childcareprofessionals.com)
- [www.aupairinamerica.com](http://www.aupairinamerica.com)
- [www.Aupairs.com](http://www.Aupairs.com)

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## **SPECIAL NEEDS**

**BrightStar Care** offers child care, sitter services and pediatric home healthcare for children with special needs.

*Hamilton, Warren, Clermont counties:*  
11305 Reed Harman Highway Suite 201  
Cincinnati, OH 45241  
513-321-4688

*Southern Montgomery County:*  
10536 Success Lane  
Dayton, OH 45458  
937-619-3111

**Positive Leaps Day Treatment Center** mimics the look and feel of an early childhood learning center or preschool. Children (**18 months to 8 years old**) accepted in the Day Treatment Center have experienced significant behavioral difficulties and are struggling to succeed at home, preschool, early grade school or when out in the community.

*Contact Information*  
5900 West Chester Road Suite C  
West Chester, OH 45069  
513-777-2428

**United Rehabilitation Services** offers programs with a variety of person-centered activities focused on enhancing the physical, social and emotional needs of children, adults and seniors with developmental or acquired disabilities.

*Contact Information*  
4710 Old Troy Pike  
Dayton, OH 45424  
937-233-1230

**Abilities First** is a non-profit organization located in Middletown, Ohio, that serves children with a wide range of developmental disabilities including cerebral palsy, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down syndrome, learning disabilities, language and cognitive impairments.

*Contact Information:*  
4710 Timber Trail Drive  
Middletown, Ohio 45044  
513-423-9496

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