



What will child care cost?

The cost of child care will vary depending on the age of your child, the activities of the program, the provider's qualifications, and the geographic location of the facility.

State Assistance: The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) has funding available to help income-eligible families pay for child care in a licensed facility, or by a relative or in-home caregiver. Call DCF at 1-888-369-4777 or visit www.dcf.ks.gov for more information.

Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA): This tax-advantaged financial account allows an employee to set aside earnings to pay for care. Money deducted from an employee's pay into an FSA is not subject to payroll taxes, resulting in substantial payroll tax savings.

Free Parent Texting Service...

Text **KSKIDS** to **59925** to get started!



- Activities
- Healthy Recipes
- Child Development Info
- Emergency Planning Ideas
- AND MORE!

Up to 4 msg/month. Msg & data rates may apply.

Tips for Success...

1. Keep all scheduled appointments when you are meeting with child care providers. If you need to cancel, call.
2. References should be provided upon request. It is your responsibility to interview the references.
3. Make sure you read and agree to the provider's contract and policies. Keep a copy for your records.
4. Pick up your child on time.
5. Find ways to get involved. Working together is key to the success of the partnership.

Get the information you need.

Call **877-678-2548** to speak with one of our knowledgeable Referral Specialists. They will assist you in your child care search – providing you with a list of licensed child care providers in your area, as well as personalized information that will help you choose the right child care provider for your family.

Or, **search online** anytime at www.ks.childcareaware.org



Are you looking for child care?



Call **877-678-2548** for **FREE** information and a list of local child care providers or search online at www.ks.childcareaware.org

Call **877-678-2548** for **FREE** information and a list of local child care providers!

Finding child care...

Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions you will make for your child. For more than twenty years, Child Care Aware® of Kansas has helped families just like yours, understand how to determine the best child care setting for their child. Our statewide network of child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies works together to connect families across Kansas to child care in their area.

Finding the right program...

Explore. Know your options. Start looking for child care as soon as you can. Finding the right child care setting may take some time.

Evaluate. Consider your preferences. For example, think about the individual learning style of your child (does he/she prefer small groups or large groups?), your family needs, the location and hours of care.

Observe. Visit at least three programs before making your final decision. Interview prospective providers and talk to everyone who will be involved in your child's care. Plan to spend 30 to 60 minutes at each interview.

Decide. Think about what you saw at each visit. Refer to your notes and trust your instincts. Pay attention to any uneasy feelings you may have.

Be Involved. You and your child care provider are partners now. You have the right to visit your child's program any time your child is there. Making such visits are one way to monitor the quality of care your child is receiving.

Questions you should ask...

1. Are you licensed by the state of Kansas?

Look for a posted Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) state license. The license will show how many children can be in care.

2. How are the children in your program supervised?

Children need to be actively supervised at all times, even when napping.

3. In what ways does your program partner with families?

The facility should allow you to visit your child at any time and should be accepting of your family cultural values. Ask about family nights and volunteering opportunities.

