

## **Child Care Options:**

- **Child Care Center**
- **Family Child Care Home Provider**
- **In Home Provider**
- **Relative Care**

### **CHILD CARE CENTERS**

- “ Child has more than one caregiver
- “ Provide care for more than 5 children or infants
- “ Provides a full-day (more than four but less than 24 hours per day), part-day (up to four hours per day), or before and after school child development program, including programs provided during school vacations.
- “ School-like atmosphere
- “ Call for availability 6-12 months before care is needed (infant care is often hard to find! so start early!).
- “ Price ranges: \$150.00-275.00/weekly

### **FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME PROVIDERS**

- Family child care Home Providers offer care for children in the provider's home
- “ Are licensed to have up to 6 children in their household
  - . No more 2 infants
- “ The Family child care providers must satisfactorily complete a criminal background check.

- “ Providers are required to establish a planned program of activities for the Facility, based on the stage of development of each enrolled child. The provider must provide a variety and sufficient quantities of materials, equipment and supplies for indoor and outdoor activities, consistent with the numbers, ages and needs of the infants, toddlers, preschool and school-age children with special needs if the Facility provides care to such children.
- “ Incorporates traditional at home atmosphere where the child may receive more attention.
- “ Have to have their licensed renewed and be inspected once a year.
- “ Price ranges: \$100.00-\$225.00/week
- “ Caters more to nontraditional hours

### **\*IN-HOME CARE (Nannies)**

*\*WCDC does not provide referrals for In Home Care Providers*

- Child is with one regular caregiver, one-on-one attention
- Caregiver is generally available for schedule of family's choice; may include evening and weekend care.
- Must find back-up care for caregiver illness or vacation
- May have high turnover, every six months is common
- Must become employer; take care of paperwork/taxes/etc.
- Salary remains same for all ages/number of children
- DC area price range: \$350.00-650.00/week
- Unlicensed form of care.

### **Relative Care**

- Care of a child by a relative in the relative's home. Only certain relatives qualify for this type of care: grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces or nephews by marriage, blood or adoption.

- Contact the Department of Human Services (DHS) at (202) 727-0284 to find out if you qualify to have a relative care for your child(ren).

*Which type of Child Care Facility do you prefer?*

**Childcare Centers:**



- Some parents prefer centers because they believe that larger groups, multiple caregivers and state inspections make programs safer for their children and make the arrangement more dependable.
- Some parents believe that more staff, space, equipment, toys and the organized activities, provides a better learning environment for their children.

**Family Child Care Home Providers:**



- Parents sometimes prefer a family child care home provider, because they want to keep their children in a home-like environment. They prefer to relate to a single caregiver and believe that children are healthier, happier and more secure in smaller groups.
- Some parents choose family child care home providers, because they find it closer to home, less expensive or more flexible.