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Tell us what you are looking for in a child care provider such as:

- Location
- Hours & days care is needed
- Type of child care (*e.g. center, family child care home, after school program, etc.*)
- Age of children
- Special needs

A specialist will create a customized list from a database of the legally operating child care providers. Remember that these are referrals, not recommendations. It is up to you to research and choose a child care that will meet your family's needs.

You may also search the Florida DCF website for legally operating child care providers and see what their inspection reports say at:

<https://cares.myflfamilies.com/PublicSearch>

There are no charges/fees associated with a provider listing in the Resource & Referral Database. If you are asked to provide payment, please call Florida's Office of Learning Resource & Referral Network at 866-357-3239.

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- For additional questions, contact your local child care licensing office by referring to the DCF [Contact Page](#) and then select your county.
- Remember the rule of 3.
 - Visit at least 3 child care programs
 - For at least 30 minutes
 - Before you enroll, visit at least 3 times at different times of the day
- Tools you can use:
 - [Quality Checklist](#)
 - [A Family Guide](#)
- For more information about child care laws & requirements, go to: <http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/parent-resources>