

Still Having Trouble Finding Care?



If you are having a difficult time finding child care that meets your family's needs, consider the following:

1. *Stay in touch with the Resource Specialists* at Child Care Aware® of Missouri. Child care information is routinely updated. New options may become available.
2. *Search in a different location.* There may not be programs in the area where you live, but there could be options available near your work, school, etc.
3. *Talk to friends, family members, and neighbors.* Check with your local library, church, or community center. They may have information about who provides child care in your area.
4. *Contact local schools or universities.* They may be able to connect you with people who care for children in your community.
5. *Get on the waiting list* at every program that could work for you in case an opening becomes available.
6. *Consider asking a friend, neighbor, or family member to become a registered provider.* This individual must complete a Registration Payment Agreement with the Department of Social Services to provide child care to subsidy-eligible children. For more information, contact the Provider Registration Unit at 1-573-522-1385 or find your regional office at <http://dss.mo.gov/cd/childcare/pdf/ccpru-expansion.pdf>.



Background screenings can be performed on informal caregivers, neighbors, nannies, etc. by contacting Missouri's Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR) at 1-866-422-6872 or visit the website at www.health.mo.gov/safety/fcsr.

