Choosing Child Care For Your Child
Is this the Right Place?

4 Steps to Choosing Care:

1. Start Early
Finding the right type of care for your child can take some time.

2. Know your Resources
   - Greatstarttoquality.org
   - Childcarenetwork.org
   - Your work’s Human Resource Department

3. Visit and Ask Questions
You may want to visit several different places before you decide which is best for you and your family.
   - Schedule an appointment
   - Watch activities
   - Check the surroundings
   - Ask questions- visit Greatstarttoquality.com for a checklist of questions

4. Make a Choice that is Best for You and Your Family and Stay Involved
   - Have regular parent-caregiver meetings
   - Join special events
   - Visit your child at child care
   - Volunteer time when needed

Why Does It Matter?
64% of children less than 6 years old are under care of someone other than a family member on a regular basis.

Children who attended high quality child care have:
   - Increased overall academic achievement
   - Less need for special education, remedial classes, or repeating grades
   - Increased graduation rates
   - More than double the odds of enrollment in a four year college