

# Choosing Child Care For Your Child

## Is this the Right Place?



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## 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](http://Greatstarttoquality.org)
- [Childcarenetwork.org](http://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](http://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

