

Frequently Asked Questions

CCDF: Finding an Eligible Child Care Provider

Who is a Child Care and Development Fund-eligible provider?

A Child Care and Development Fund-eligible provider is defined as a provider, either licensed or exempt from being licensed by law, who has met all applicable CCDF provider eligibility standards and has completed the application process.

Eligible providers may include:

- Licensed facilities and homes
- Unlicensed registered day care ministries
- Legally license-exempt child care facilities and homes
- Legally license-exempt relative care (grandparent, great grandparent, aunt and/or uncle of the eligible child)
- Legally license-exempt in-home care

How does an applicant find a Child Care and Development Fund-eligible provider?

For help finding a Child Care and Development Fund-eligible provider, contact the Geminus Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) program. Geminus CCRR provides free referrals. Connect with a Geminus CCRR partner by calling (toll free) (844) 685-1500 or emailing elc@geminus.care.

Does my child care provider have to be licensed?

No. By law CCDF eligible providers must be licensed or exempt (excused) from being licensed. They must meet all CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards. They must have applied to be exempt from being licensed by law, who has met all applicable CCDF Provider Eligibility Standards and has completed the application process. They include:

- Licensed child care centers, facilities, and homes
- Unlicensed registered day care ministries
- Legally license-exempt child care facilities and homes
- Relative care (grandparent, great grandparent, aunt and/or uncle of the eligible child)
- In-home care not given by a child's parent, step-parent, guardian or other "in loco parentis" (person acting as parent).

How soon can I enroll in child care?

The timeline to receive childcare depends on the State of Indiana. We will inform you as soon as possible once the State has approved your application.

