

Searching for Child Care?

Thank you so much for contacting us! If you haven't already, please fill out the Child Care Inquiry Survey, which can be found on our website under "Contact Us" or email www.earlydiscoveriesfcc.weebly.com. We will contact you to schedule a meeting if we have any openings available for you! In the meantime, here are several ways to find childcare in our area. We wish you all the best in your search for the perfect childcare for your family!

Facebook pages: Facebook pages for parents and providers to post their childcare needs and openings.

Licensed Family Child Care – SE Minnesota

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/221880131352657/>

SE MN Licensed Provider & Parents

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1442261482750983/>

Licensing Family Child Care - Dodge County MN

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/718905438175265>

Rochester MN and Surrounding Area Child Care/Babysitter Connection...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1185264261492866>

- **DHS licensing look-up:** <http://licensinglookup.dhs.state.mn.us/>

This is the Department of Human Services list of all licensed programs under their dept. Search for licensed care providers in any part of the state of MN by name, city, county, ZIP code, program type or license number.

To find family childcare programs in your area, find your city, county, or zip code and click on Family Child Care in the "Type of Service" area.

- Parent Aware <https://www.parentaware.org/#/>

Parent Aware is a free tool that helps families to identify and search for quality childcare and early education programs. Search by star rating, location, hours of operation, ages served and get customized results. Star rating indicates programs that have voluntarily chosen to participate in rating by providing documentation of quality care and education practices to the state rating system.

- **Family Child Care Inc:** <http://www.fccimn.com/child-care-search.html>

FCCI is Olmsted County's local childcare association. To find a directory of childcare providers and ads listed for openings, click on the "Parents" tab at the top and then click on "Looking for Child Care?" The Child Care Openings and Child Care Provider Directory tabs are on this page. Many of these ads are from providers in Rochester, but sometimes there are some from surrounding communities.

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- **News Record, Local Shopper:** <http://www.zumbrota.com/pdf-edition/shopper>
- **Families First of Minnesota website:**
<http://www.familiesfirstmn.org/pages/i-am-a-parent/searching-for-child-care.php>

Families First (formerly Child Care Resource & Referral) is a non-profit organization in our community working as a resource for parents, childcare programs, and community members in all areas of early childhood.

Interested in Becoming a Family Child Care Provider?

There are many benefits of being a family childcare provider:

- *Teaching and caring for children in the most important first five years*
- *Working with families*
- *Supporting the local workforce*
- *Owning your own business*

If you find yourself considering this field, please contact the local childcare licensing unit in your county. They can provide you with more information about becoming a childcare provider and help you decide if this path is for you!

Olmsted County:

<https://www.olmstedcounty.gov/business/business-licensing-permits/child-care>

Goodhue County:

<http://www.co.goodhue.mn.us/248/Child-Care>

Dodge County:

<https://www.mnprairie.org/234/Child-care-licensing>

Wabasha County:

https://www.co.wabasha.mn.us/departments/social_services/children_and_family_services/child_care_licensing/index.php

Best wishes as you search for the right early care and education program for your family!

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