



Kent Regional 4C
Your Community
Child Care Connection

In-Home Child Care Resource Sheet

This resource includes information to help you find in-home child care. An in-home caregiver may be a high school or college student, a professionally trained nanny, an au pair, or another person who has experience caring for children.

There are no regulations for in-home child care in Michigan unless the caregiver receives State Child Care Assistance payments. Caregivers receiving these payments are required to follow the Relative and Day Care Aide Requirements. Go to <http://www.michigan.gov/childcare> to learn more about the State's requirements.

Some agencies that make placements of in-home caregivers may require a nanny to have experience or training but most parents looking for in-home child care will have to do the all of the screening themselves including checking references and back-ground checks on the caregivers they hire. If you want referrals to licensed childcare, contact Great Start Connect <http://www.greatstartforkids.org> or call 1-877-614-7328.

This information is a resource and referral list and is intended for informational purposes only. This list is not an endorsement or recommendation of any caregiver, program, service, or resource, nor is it a complete list. Kent Regional 4C also cannot endorse, ensure the accuracy of, or vouch for the safety and privacy of any website listed. You will need to verify all information listed and ask about services in detail.

Website resources for in-home child care:

- ICHAT Internet Criminal History Access Tool - Michigan State Police <http://apps.michigan.gov/ichat/home.aspx>
- Essential Ingredients of Quality Child Care <http://www.4cchildcare.org/paQCSEssen.aspx>
- Age Specific Quality Care Checklists <http://www.4cchildcare.org/paQCSCkLst.aspx>
- Child Care In Your Home <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/PM1807.pdf>
- Internal Revenue Service 800/829-1040 <http://www.irs.gov/> In Search bar type "household employee."
- The library has books you can check out about finding and hiring a nanny. Visit <http://www.kdl.org> to do a search for nanny resources.

Universities/Colleges: Many colleges post ads for parents looking for in-home care.

- Aquinas College <http://www.aquinas.edu/ccs/career/> 616/632-2905.
- Baker College <http://www.hirequalified.com/>
- Calvin College Job Shop <http://www.calvin.edu/admin/jobshop/>.
- Davenport University Career Services <http://www.davenport.edu> 616/554-5398.
- GVSU Student Employment <http://www.gvsu.edu/studentjobs/>.
- Hope College <http://jobstop.hope.edu/>, and then select "Off Campus Employers."

Placement Services: These services may recruit, and sometimes train and screen candidates for in-home childcare. Some will identify a nanny for you while others offer a searchable database.

- eNannySource <http://www.enannysource.com>
- International Nanny Agency <http://www.nanny.org/>
- A Nanny Network, Inc. 866/739-3767 <http://www.anannynetwork.com>
- Merry Poppin's Nannies 616/464-1200 Ask for Chris. Nannies are available full- and part-time, and live-in and live-out arrangements.
- EurAuPair <http://www.eurapair.com> 800/333-3804 Average cost is \$268.00 per week. This includes up to 45 hours of child care, light cooking and housekeeping per week for a minimum of one year.
- CulturalCare AuPair 800/333-6056 <http://www.culturalcare.com/aboutus/default.aspx>
- AuPairCare 800/428-7247 <http://www.aupaircare.com/>
- Aupair in America 800/928-7247 ext. 5161 <http://www.aupairinamerica.com>

Advertisement Resources: Post adds to include a request for references, your general location and how to contact you.

- Advance 616/669-4299
- Craig's List <http://grandrapids.craigslist.org/>
- Grand Rapids Press 616/222-5555
- Other Advertisement Resources - Church bulletins, senior citizen agencies, news board at work, bulletin boards or newsletters at your child's or neighborhood school, etc.

Website resources for corporate entities interested in offering child care services to hotel guests and participants of conventions, trade shows and other events:

- <http://www.kiddiecorp.com/>
- <http://www.kids-are-first.com/conventions.html>