

CHILD CARE RESOURCES

2008

Name & Location	Phone Number	Days/Hours	Services Provided
SPECIAL POPULATIONS			
Arc of East Central Iowa – BASICS Christ Episcopal Church 220 40 th Street NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402	521-4400 or 365-0487	Assistance available on school days from 6:30 AM to start of school day and from end of school day to 6:00 PM. Open on summer, spring and holiday breaks from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM.	BASICS – Before and After School Inclusive Childcare Services Elementary age childcare program available for all children (with and without disabilities). Transportation provided to and from Arthur, Kenwood, Wright. Special Education transportation provided from a variety of schools. Staff to child ratio no greater than 1:3. www.arceci.org
Arc of East Central Iowa – OASIS Regis Middle School 735 Prairie Drive NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402	521-3506 or 365-0487	Assistance available on school days from end of school day from 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Open on summer, spring and holiday breaks from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.	OASIS – Opportunities, Activities, Supports and Inclusive Services Middle school/high school enrichment program for teens with developmental disabilities. Staff to child ratio no greater than 1:3. www.arceci.org
Heart of Iowa Area Substance Abuse Council 4050 Bowling Street SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404	862-1050	Assistance available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM.	Child care services provided for children of mothers enrolled in ASAC treatment program (either in halfway house or residential).
LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE			
Department of Human Services Child Care Financial Assistance 411 3 rd St SE, Suite 400 Cedar Rapids, IA 52401	892-6800 or 892-6700	Assistance available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.	Provides childcare financial assistance for families meeting state eligibility requirements. If other needs are raised during the interview, the intake worker will make a referral to the appropriate agencies. http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/Consumers/Child_Care/ChildCareMenu.html
INFORMATION			
Child Care Resource & Referral P.O. Box 490 1515 Hawkeye Drive Hiawatha, IA 52233	739-1556 OR 1-800-233-0054	Assistance available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.	Provide parents with lists of daycare homes, centers, and preschools; answers questions about options, quality indicators, availability, cost and financial assistance. Promotes quality child care through training and assistance to providers. http://www.hacap.org/Programs/CCR_R/Overview.aspx

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS			
Five Seasons Child Development Centers 346 2 nd Ave. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404	558-2549	Assistance available at the following child care sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiawatha, Arthur & Nixon on Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM. • “Five Seasons East” on Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM. • Gibson on Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM. • Grant on Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. • Wright on Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM. • Coolidge preschool/school age on Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM. 	Provides before, during and after school daycare and some full-day, full-year programs using public and private child care providers. For children from preschool to 5 th grade. The Grant site and the Five Seasons East site both offer care for infants and toddlers, in addition to the other ages listed above. Licensed by DHS. Free transportation to the Step-Up school based preschool programs may be available. Managed by the Cedar Rapids Community School District.
Head Start/Early Head Start– Linn County P.O. Box 490 1515 Hawkeye Drive Hiawatha, IA 52233	393-7811 OR 211 OR 739-4211	Assistance available: <u>School day program:</u> 8 hours per day, Monday through Friday from September through May <u>Part day program:</u> 3.5 hours per day, Monday through Thursday, during the school year (34 weeks) <u>Full day, full year program:</u> 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday, year around <u>Home base program:</u> Early Head Start Home Visitors conduct weekly home visits, year around	Comprehensive child development for children birth – 5 years, which includes social service, health, nutrition and parent involvement components. Federally funded program for low-income families. Full-day, full-year child care programs available at several sites. Multiple locations in the county. To complete an application, call 393-7811, 211, or 739-4211. http://www.hacap.org/Programs/Head_Start.aspx

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Kirkwood Child Care Center 6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404	398-5455	Assistance available Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM.	Child care services for infants, toddlers and preschool-age children of students and staff. Open to the public when there are openings. Usually a waiting list.
Linn County Child Development Center 520 11 th St. NW Cedar Rapids, IA 52405	892-5700	Assistance available year round, Monday through Friday, from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM.	Provides full-day child development services for children ages 3-5. Low-income families and children with special needs have priority. Serves children through Head Start contract with HACAP and state early education grant, at no cost to parents. Also accepts children on State Child Care Assistance (DHS Block Grant), sliding fee and private pay. Parenting support offered.
St. Paul's Preschool – Early Childhood Programs 1340 3 rd Ave SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52403	363-5349	Assistance available Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.	Provides preschool classrooms for 2-4 year olds with additional 3 & 4 year-olds Christian based classroom. The curriculum is based upon a monthly theme with developmentally appropriate activities brought into the classroom. We also have a preschool plus program from 11:30-1:30 that includes lunch as well as additional activities. Does not include lunch; kids pack their own.
Waypoint River Ridge Kids 4650 42 nd Street NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52411	294-1722	Assistance available Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM.	River Ridge Kids currently offers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed childcare for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Provides social, emotional and physical growth and learning experiences for children. Priority enrollment is given to AEGON employees for the infant – 5 year old age group. • Summer Adventure Camp for children Kindergarten through Fifth grade is offered at this location. Accepts children on State Child Care Assistance (DHS Block Grant), sliding fee and private pay.
Waypoint School Age Child Care 318 5 th St SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52401	365-1458	Assistance available Monday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM.	Before and after schools for children kindergarten through 5 th grade which provides a whole language approach to teaching. We are also open on in-service and early dismissal days. We currently serve children at Hiawatha, Kenwood, Hoover, Madison, Erskine, Jackson and Pierce Elementary Schools. We also offer programming at Waypoint for Grant Wood, Johnson and Monroe schools. Summer Adventure Camp is offered at select sites. Accepts children on State Child Care Assistance (DHS Block Grant), sliding fee and private pay.

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CRISIS/DROP IN/RESPITE			
HACAP – Crisis Child Care P.O. Box 490 1515 Hawkeye Drive Hiawatha, IA 52233	393-6355	Assistance available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.	Free, short-term childcare for Linn County families experiencing a crisis. Crisis situations may include domestic abuse, medical emergencies, housing problems, deaths, and high levels of stress. Children newborn through 14 are eligible for care. Crisis Care is not substitute care for working parents, will not place children for a “night on the town,” or place children with a contagious disease.
HACAP – Respite Care P.O. Box 490 1515 Hawkeye Drive Hiawatha, IA 52233	393-6355	Assistance available Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.	Free, scheduled short-term care to Linn County families. Can be used to attend parenting class, therapy or counseling sessions or personal time for a parent who is having trouble coping due to substance abuse, grief, depression or difficulty in parenting. 24 hour advance notice needed.
PARENT ASSISTANCE			
Parent Education Consortium Grant Wood AEA FACES Building 1120 33 rd Avenue SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404	399-6809	Assistance available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (Office hours).	Provides parent education and parenting classes for families with children under six years of age. Specialized programs for families with children of <i>all ages</i> include: classes for parents who are divorced or separated, parenting classes for step parents, classes for Dads, classes for parents who are court-mandated to attend parenting classes. Classes are held at varying times at a variety of locations. No fees.

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