

# How To Find Childcare

*These are extraordinary times. Due to the challenges of COVID-19, every Madison family needs a little extra support. Our How To series provides a list of community resources that can help.*



Families interested in enrolling in Head Start/Early Head Start can call (608) 275-6740 or email [info@reachdane.org](mailto:info@reachdane.org). Check the Reach Dane webpage for the latest information at this link [tinyurl.com/RchDne](https://tinyurl.com/RchDne).



If you need help finding a childcare provider, you can call a referral specialist from Community Coordinated Child Care (4C) at (608) 216-7022. You can also complete a referral intake form and find more information at the 4C website [tinyurl.com/4CRefer](https://tinyurl.com/4CRefer).



MSCR Cares is an all-day childcare program (September 8 - October 30) for MMSD students. The program provides indoor and outdoor activities in a group setting. Registration must be received by Friday, August 21 at 4:00 pm to attend the first day of program (September 8). Call (608) 204-3000 for program information. More information: [tinyurl.com/MSRCares2020](https://tinyurl.com/MSRCares2020) (PDF). Registration at this link [tinyurl.com/MSCare2020reg](https://tinyurl.com/MSCare2020reg).



The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families offers childcare assistance to low income families through the Wisconsin Shares Program. Call 1-888-794-5556 apply at this link: [tinyurl.com/DCFShare](https://tinyurl.com/DCFShare).



Families residing in Madison who are not eligible for Wisconsin Shares may be eligible for the City's child care tuition assistance program. Call (608) 267-4996 or the Office of Community Services Childcare Assistance Program webpage at: [tinyurl.com/MadChildC](https://tinyurl.com/MadChildC).



For advice on how to make decisions about childcare during the pandemic visit the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families' (DCF) webpage at [tinyurl.com/DCFamCovid](https://tinyurl.com/DCFamCovid). You can also see ratings, compliance with health and safety for licensed childcare providers at the DCF's YoungStar page: [tinyurl.com/DCFYStar](https://tinyurl.com/DCFYStar).



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