Find reliable, quality child care & early learning programs



www.findchildcare.pa.gov

The new COMPASS early learning program search offers a simple zip code search to quickly find programs near you, or a more advanced search to meet your specific needs.

- Search for a variety of early learning programs, like regulated child care and Keystone STARS programs, Home Visiting programs, Head Start, Early Intervention, and Pre-K Counts.
- Get directions to programs.
- View inspection history of child care programs.
- Filter by financial programs accepted, like Child Care Works or scholarships.
- Add programs to your List to compare and create a personalized summary report.
- Search for programs that offer overnight care.

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How to find a Provider using COMPASS

A Step-by-Step Guide

- 1. Visit the COMPASS website at: www.findchildcare.pa.gov
- 2. You have the choose to search by the following methods:

Enter Address & Child's Age
Search by Provider Name

- 1. By Address Select this option to search for up to one-mile radius from a specified Address or by within a specific City or ZIP Code.
 - a. Type either a specific Address, City or ZIP Code in the field.
 - b. Select the desired children's ages from the drop-down box.
 - c. Click the [FIND A PROVIDER] button.
- 2. By Provider Name Select this option to search for up to one-mile radius from a specified provider.
 - a. Type a specific provider name in the appropriate field.
 - b. Optionally, type an Address, City or ZIP Code in the appropriate field.
 - c. Click the [FIND A PROVIDER] button.
 - To access Filters, <u>Click Advanced Search.</u> (This is helpful to expand search criteria beyond 1 mile radius.)

<u>Filter and Sort Results</u> A variety of useful filters can be imposed on search results to narrow down the results. Filter search results by any of the following criteria:

- 1. Distance Only available after a search by address has been completed. Select up to 30 miles radius from the address.
- 2. **STARS Rating** Select a range from No STARS to four (4) STARS.
- 3. Hours of Operation Select specific days of the week and hours of the day.
- 4. **Provider Type** Select any combination of Child Care Center, Family Child Care Home or Group Child Care Home.
- 5. Financial Programs Accepted Select any combination of Child Care Works, Child Welfare Agency or Scholarship.
- 6. Languages Select one option from the drop-down list to display only providers who either speak, teach or support a desired language.
- 7. Reset All Filters Click to reset all filters to default values. If criteria were selected as part of the initial search, the criteria will be deselected.
- 8. [Apply Filters] Click to impose the selected filters on the displayed search results.
- **9.** Sort By Select one of either City, Distance, Enrollment, Provider Name, STARS Rating or ZIP Code to sort search result in ascending or descending order.