

# Still Having Trouble Finding Care?



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**If you are having a difficult time finding child care that meets your family's needs, consider the following:**

1. *Stay in touch with the Resource Specialists at Child Care Aware® of Missouri.* Child care information is routinely updated. New options may become available.
2. *Search in a different location.* There may not be programs in the area where you live, but there could be options available near your work, school, etc.
3. *Talk to friends, family members, and neighbors.* Check with your local library, church, or community center. They may have information about who provides child care in your area.
4. *Contact local schools or universities.* They may be able to connect you with people who care for children in your community.
5. *Get on the waiting list* at every program that could work for you in case an opening becomes available.
6. *Consider asking a friend, neighbor, or family member to become a registered provider.* This individual must complete a Registered Child Care Provider Agreement with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide child care to subsidy-eligible children. For more information, contact the Subsidy Agreements Unit at 573-526-3011 or [CCSubsidyAgreements@dese.mo.gov](mailto:CCSubsidyAgreements@dese.mo.gov).



**Background screenings can be performed on informal caregivers, neighbors, nannies, etc. by contacting Missouri's Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR) at 1-866-422-6872 or visit the website at [www.health.mo.gov/safety/fcsr](http://www.health.mo.gov/safety/fcsr).**



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