

The **Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood (MCCYN) program** requires that you choose a child care provider with <u>both</u> a state license and a national accreditation or approved high-quality credential (for Family Child Care Homes). See below for information on finding qualifying child care options.

Resource	Description
Air Force MCCYN Providers	The Child Care Aware® of America website will show you child care providers that have applied for MCCYN in the past.
	Please confirm that your selected provider's state license and national accreditation are still current before making a final decision.
NAEYC Accredited Centers (search by zip code) NAC Accredited Centers (search by city, state) NECPA Accredited Centers (search by state)	To search for nationally accredited child care <u>centers</u> that may not yet have applied with us, use these three online searches.
	Providers will need to submit an application if they are new to the program.
NAFCC Accredited Homes	To search for nationally accredited Family Child Care (FCC) homes that may not yet have applied with us, use this online search.
	Providers will need to submit an application if they are new to the program.
	To search for state licensed Family Child Care (FCC) <u>homes</u> , contact your local Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agency.
CCR&R Agency Search	FCC providers must also have one of the following documents in order to qualify for MCCYN:
	 NAFCC accreditation CDA Associate's degree or higher in Early Childhood Education or Child Development
	You should confirm that a provider has one of these documents in addition to their state license.



The chart below contains other important resources you will need for your child care search.

Resource	Description	Website/Phone Number
State Licensing Office	Has detailed information about the child care state licensing regulations	Your local child care regulatory office Phone: Contact your local office Website: http://ccld.ca.gov/PG487.htm Find Your Local Office: http://ccld.ca.gov/res/pdf/CClistingMaster.p df
Online Inspection Reports	Allows you to look up provider licensing status and the inspection/complaint history	Find out what programs in your area are in compliance with licensing regulations Phone: Contact your local office Website: https://secure.dss.ca.gov/CareFacilitySearc h/ Find Your Local Office: http://ccld.ca.gov/res/pdf/CClistingMaster.p df
Quality Ratings (QRIS)	Is similar to a rating system for restaurants and hotels; QRIS rates the quality of child care programs by using system of set standards.	Many states now include standards specific to infants and toddlers in their licensing rules and QRIS. These measures address the health, safety, and well-being of infants and toddlers while in child care. Phone: Contact one of the regional leadership consortia agencies Website: www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/rt/rttelcapproach.asp List of Regional Leadership Consortia Agencies: www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/rt/rttelccontactlist.as
State by State Resource Map	Contains additional resources and information about required background checks, financial assistance programs, health and social services, and programs for children with special needs.	Click Here 1(800) 424-2246



Here are some things to think about as you search for child care:

- Look up the child care licensing status, inspection/complaint history, and quality rating online (where available) for the programs you are interested in.
- Call each child care program to schedule an appointment for your visit.
- Visit several different child care programs before you decide which one is best for your family.
- Observe activities and the setting.
- Ask questions, including questions about key indicators of quality:
 - o Adult to Child Ratio
 - o Group Size
 - Caregiver Qualifications
 - Turnover
 - Accreditation