



Springfield Area Childcare Resources

Seeking Child Care

Independent Search: The systems listed below provide information on childcare programs throughout the state. It is recommended to call the potential provider to confirm availability as the information listed may not be up to date:

- **Bright Futures Information System (BFIS).** This state-run system has all licensed and registered childcare programs. This system is used across the state for several aspects of childcare services.
<http://www.brightfutures.dcf.state.vt.us/>
- **Let's Grow Kids Childcare Lynx.** This new system requires childcare programs to independently input information so not all possible programs may be listed. <https://vtchildcarelynx.org/>

Support finding childcare:

- **Childcare Resource and Referral Specialist:** The SAPCC has a Childcare Referral Specialist, Brenda Pellerin. She utilizes the BFIS system to locate childcare programs but often has more up to date information about availability. She can also ask questions about what kind of program the family is looking for to help them locate programs that may be a good fit.

Brenda Pellerin: Specialized Childcare Coordinator and Childcare Referral Specialist. 802-886-5242 x 246
BrendaP@sapcc-vt.org

Paying for Childcare

Childcare Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) – Operated by the state of Vermont, the SAPCC is the local center for these services. The best way to apply for CCFAP is to contact SAPCC (802-886-5242) and request an application. A PDF version via email or a paper copy can be provided. Amanda McLeod is the CCFAP Specialist and will happily assist families with signing up for the program. This program has specific eligibility based on proving the “need” for care (such as employment or going to school) and income guidelines on a sliding fee scale.

Amanda McLeod: Childcare Financial Assistance Program Specialist. 802-886-5242 x 227 AmandaM@sapcc-vt.org

Current sliding fee scale: https://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/CDD/Docs/ccfap/Sliding_Fee_Scales.pdf

Specialized Childcare is also available for families who do not qualify for CCFAP. If they are found ineligible they may request to apply for “Family Support Childcare.” The staff at SAPCC will help the family navigate this.