

ABC Special Needs Program
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Tips for Selecting a Day Care Provider

Finding quality—licensed, enhanced, accredited—and affordable day care can be difficult. Here are a few things parents and guardians may want to consider when selecting a day care provider:



Is the caregiver...

- * friendly and in good health?
- * able to make you feel at ease?
- * trained to work with children?
- * able to provide for your child's special needs?
- * flexible and responsive to the family's needs?

Will the caregiver...

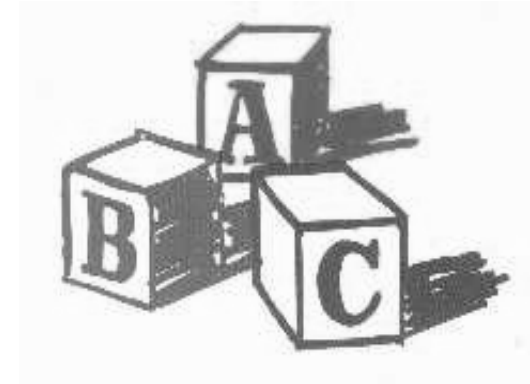
- * read to and talk to your child?
- * teach your child self-respect and to respect others?
- * help your child solve problems?
- * encourage your child to make his or her own choices?
- * provide a safe environment?
- * recognize the unique characteristics of each child and plan a program that responds to each child's interests and abilities?

What services are offered?

- * Identified specialists through the Program offer consultation, technical assistance, and training to ABC providers, home providers, and providers desiring to serve children with special needs.
- * Referral for services may be received from child care providers, service providers, early interventionists, and/or parents.
- * If warranted, funding MAY be available for adapted equipment, removing barriers, or access to services.



For services or referral information, call: (803) 935-5238 or (803) 935-5281



THE ABC SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD CARE VOUCHER PROGRAM

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Serves children with:

- * DISABILITIES (child needs individualized materials, equipment, or instruction)
- * DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS (child demonstrates delay in cognitive, motor, or social development)

by providing vouchers to low income families who need day care services for their children 0 through 18 years.

Do I qualify?

Parents or guardians must:

- * be working (15+ hours per week) or attending an educational or training program (15+ hours per week); and
- * agree to share in the cost of day care by paying a weekly copayment.

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The child must be receiving services through an agency listed in this brochure or through their local school district. If services are through the school district, the parent must contact one of the agencies to receive an application.

Where can I receive an application?

Applications can be obtained from the child's early interventionist, BabyNet coordinator, service coordinator, or caseworker. The ABC Special Needs Voucher Program does not mail application packets directly to parents or guardians.

The following agencies serve as entry points for the ABC Special Needs Voucher Program:

- * BabyNet - (800) 868-0404
- * Bright Start - (803) 929-1112
- * Children's Rehabilitative Services (CRS) - (803) 898-0784
- * Easter Seals of SC - (803) 256-0735
- * Epworth Early Intervention Center - (803) 212-4768
- * Networks, Inc. (Greenville County) - (864) 850-0667
- * Playworks (Cherokee, Greenville, Spartanburg, Union) - (864) 594-6762
- * The South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind - (864) 577-7508
- * County Disabilities and Special Needs Boards:
 - Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Saluda (Multi-County): Emerald Center - (864) 942-8900
 - Aiken County - (803) 642-8800
 - Allendale/Barnwell County - (803) 584-5050
 - Anderson County - (864) 260-4515
 - Bamberg County - (803) 793-5003
 - Beaufort County - (843) 525-7680
 - Berkeley County: Berkeley Citizens, Inc. - (843) 761-0300
 - Calhoun County - (803) 874-2664
 - Charleston County - (843) 805-5800

- Cherokee County - (864) 487-4190
- Chesterfield County - (843) 623-9016
- Chester/Lancaster County - (803) 285-4368
- Clarendon County - (803) 435-2330
- Colleton County - (843) 549-1732
- Darlington County - (843) 332-7252
- Dorchester County - (843) 871-1285
- Fairfield County - (803) 635-2154
- Florence County - (843) 678-8576
- Georgetown County - (843) 546-8228
- Greenville County - (864) 288-1907
- Hampton County - (803) 943-4818
- Horry County - (843) 347-3010
- Jasper County - (843) 726-4499
- Kershaw County - (803) 432-4841
- Laurens County - (864) 682-2314
- Lee County - (803) 484-9473
- Marion/Dillon County - (843) 464-2565
- Marlboro County - (843) 479-1882
- Newberry County - (803) 276-0078
- Oconee County - (864) 885-6055
- Orangeburg County - (803) 536-1170
- Pickens County - (864) 859-5416
- Richland/Lexington County - (803) 252-5179
- Sumter County - (803) 778-1669
- Union County - (864) 427-7700
- Williamsburg County - (843) 355-5481
- York County - (803) 628-5800 or 5999

For administrative or program information, call: (803) 898-9735



For more information, please complete this form, detach, and return. (Please print clearly.)

Name _____ Program _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Day Phone () _____ Fax () _____

I would like more information about: _____