

Tennessee Child Care Agency Website List Readme File Information

This list includes agencies licensed by the Department of Human Services or approved by the Department of Education and license exempt Boys and Girls Clubs.

The list of child care agencies is updated on the 15th of each month. The detailed information about each agency such as scholarships, fee scales, transportation, and agency environment is updated periodically throughout the year as Program Evaluators conduct visits. If you are using this list in your search for child care, always check with the child care agency to determine whether or not any of the detail information has changed since it was last updated.

Column information from Left to Right:

County Name
Agency Name
Location Address Street 1
Location Address City
Location Address State
Location Address Zip
Location Phone Number
Contact Individual Name (First Last)
Mailing Address Street 1
Mailing Address Street 2
Mailing Address City
Mailing Address State
Mailing Address Zip
Minimum Age Served
Min Age Code (YR-Years, MO-Months, WK-Weeks)
Maximum Age Served
Max Age Code (YR-Years, MO-Months, WK-Weeks)
Star Rating (blank, 1, 2, 3)
Agency Type (Center, Family, Group, Drop In, Exempt)
Capacity
Open Time
Close Time
Agency offers scholarships (Y/N)
Agency offers sliding fee scale (Y/N)
Agency offers multi-child discount (Y/N)
Agency approved for transportation (Y/N)
Agency charges a fee for transportation (Y/N)
Regulatory Agency (DHS Licensing, Department of Education)
Regulatory Status (Licensed, Approved, Exempt)
License/Approval Date
Agency Sequence (Unique Identifier)
Date Opened
Agency Environment – Near public transportation (Y/N)
Agency Environment – Wheel Chair Accessible (Y/N)
Agency Environment – Non Smoking (Y/N)*
Agency Environment – No Dogs (Y/N)
Agency Environment – No Cats (Y/N)
Agency Environment – No Pets (Y/N)
Child and Adult Care Food Program Participant (Y/N)
Program Evaluator Name (First Last)
Program Evaluator Phone Number

* Non-Smoking - Smoking within child care agencies is prohibited by law. However, children could still be exposed to thirdhand smoke if individuals who smoke work or reside in the agency. A "Y" in this column indicates that none of the individuals who work or reside in the facility smoke.

Kidcentraltn includes the following information about thirdhand smoke:

What is thirdhand smoke?

Thirdhand smoke refers to the chemicals from cigarette smoke, even long after smoking has stopped, that cling to soft surfaces and can be found on things that you touch, such as carpets, clothing and toys.

Whether you are young or old, healthy or sick, thirdhand smoke is dangerous.

Thirdhand smoke contains poisons.

You are exposed to the same chemicals found in tobacco smoke that are known to cause cancer. These toxins build up on surfaces over time and resist normal cleaning.

Babies are hurt by thirdhand smoke.

Babies are affected by the poisons in thirdhand smoke found on floors, clothing, hair, skin, baby blankets, furniture, toys and other surfaces. Your infant or toddler inhales, ingests or touches these chemicals and puts their hands and mouths on these surfaces. These tobacco toxins get into their bodies through developing lungs. The chemicals build up and can cause learning problems.

What can parents do?

Protect your children's health.

- Do not allow anyone to smoke near your child. Ask smokers to wash their hands and change into smoke-free clothing before holding your baby.
- Do not smoke or allow others to smoke in your home or car.
- Use a smoke-free daycare center and babysitters who are nonsmokers.
- Do not take your child to restaurants or other indoor public places that allow smoking.
- Try to keep your child out of homes of smokers.

<https://www.kidcentraltn.com/article/thirdhand-smoke>