

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

1. ***How do I find child care for my child?***

Licensed Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies provide referrals to parents and guardians looking for child care. The statewide referral number for agencies associated with Child Care Aware of Kansas is 1-877-678-2548. In Johnson, Miami and Wyandotte counties, contact your local health department for Resource and Referral Agencies in your area.

2. ***How do I know if a child care facility (home, center, preschool or school age program) is regulated? Where can I check the facility's history with child care regulations?***

To determine if a program is licensed can be conducted through the online information system at <http://www.kdheks.gov/bcclr/capp.htm>. The website will also show the facility's history for the last 3 years of citations and substantiated findings. Review sample facility report to understand the information you will be viewing. This handout will explain the information found on-line regarding the facilities compliance history.

3. ***How do I file a complaint about a child care home, center, preschool or school age program?***

KDHE contracts with local county health departments to provide regulatory services including complaint investigations of regulated or illegal child care. Click on the following link to submit a complaint <https://www.dhe.state.ks.us/Community/se.ashx?s=11B9BDC95C5A056A> or contact the local county surveyor regarding your concern. The contact information for local county child care surveyors is available at www.kdheks.gov/kidsnet. Click on "Local County Contacts" to find your local contact.

If your concern involves possible child abuse or neglect, call the Kansas Protection Report Center at 1-800-922- 5330 or contact local law enforcement in case of an emergency.

4. ***How much does child care cost and why do I have to pay for vacation or sick days when my child is not in care?***

KDHE does not regulate business practices involving fees. Parents and guardians should review the policies when enrolling children for care and work with the provider/administrator to resolve issues regarding payment.

5. ***Does KDHE require licensure of a program if parents or guardians are on-site and accessible to children in care?***

When parents or guardians are voluntarily on site (not educational or employment purposes), licensure is not required. This usually occurs in a recreation program or fitness center where children are being cared for by an employee of the recreation program or fitness center. Parents or guardians are on the premises and participating in voluntary activities and immediately accessible to their children. Licensure is required if employee's children are being cared for on the premises.

6. ***Does the KDHE have funding or grants to help parents or guardians pay for child care?***

No. The Kansas Department for Child and Families (DCF) administers the child care subsidy program to help eligible parents or guardians pay for child care. Contact the local DCF office or call 1-888-369-4777 for more information.

7. ***What immunizations are required for my child to attend a child care facility?***

Pursuant to KSA 65-508, each child cared for in a child care facility, including children of the person maintaining the facility, shall be required to have current immunizations. The list of required immunizations can be found at <http://www.kdheks.gov/immunize/schedule.htm>.

8. ***Why is my child care facility required to place my infant on their back to sleep and without a blanket?***

Pursuant to KAR 28-4-116a and KAR 28-4-440, infants must be placed on their backs to sleep and cribs must be free of objects such as toys and soft bedding. If a blanket is necessary, it must be placed no higher than the chest and tucked in along the sides and end of the crib. Research has shown that placing a baby on their back to sleep greatly reduces the chances of a sudden infant death (SIDS).