

Section 13:

Daycare

For any parent, daycare services are a primary service needing to be accessed to help assist them with care of their child. For those individuals diagnosed with a disability, it can be hard to locate daycare services that will provide the necessary care they need, support beyond the regular daycare age of 10 and under or daycare services in post education scenarios. Below you will find options based on age ranges.

Early Childhood (Birth to Pre-Kindergarten)

- Family Member or Private Pay
- Licensed Childcare Facility or In-home Childcare

Kindergarten – 12th Grade

- Family Member or Private Pay
- Licensed Child Care Facility or In-home Childcare

Post-Secondary Adult Daycare

- Family Member or Private Pay
- Licensed Child Care Facility or In-home Childcare

Family Member or Private Pay

Family members are a large part of the daycare experience for individuals who are fortunate enough to have their support. Many times, one parent will choose to stay home, or they will utilize aunts, uncles, or grandparents to help with childcare. If family members are not available, private pay options may be utilized. This can be a nanny who comes into the home while the caregiver is working or a live-in nanny.

Licensed Childcare Facility or In-home Childcare

For families that choose to utilize a licensed childcare facility or in-home childcare, it can be difficult to locate providers who will accept an individual diagnosed with a disability. The Iowa Department of Human Services has a website portal and phone number you can contact to help assist you in locating a provider. Please see the information below for the services The Arc of East Central Iowa has available and contact information for DHS.

Important note, if you are approved to use respite services for daycare by your case manager and MCO, one parent must not be working at the time funding is utilized. For more information, speak with your case manager or provider.

The Arc's Daycare Enrichment Program

- Daycare Enrichment Program is a before and after school, in-service, vacation care, and after work enrichment program Monday - Friday at The Arc of East Central Iowa, 680 2nd St SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- Please Note: The after-work enrichment portion of the program is for individuals 18 years old and up is not DHS licensed, but follows a similar format and regulations set by DHS.
- Ages: 5 years old and up

The Arc's Summer Day Program

- Summer Day is a multi-week program. Activities may include educational exercises to build safety, reading, cooking, and daily living skills, social and leisure activities like swimming, games, crafts, and music. Individuals wishing to attend will need to utilize group respite for the program. Private pay is an available option if waiver funding does not cover the cost of the program.
- Ages: 5 to 21 years old
- Dates: June through July
- Times: Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Programs are offered in Linn County

Iowa Department of Human Services Childcare Client Portal

- Iowa DHS has a portal available to help families locate available childcare in their area. You can visit their website, or they encourage families to call Child Care Resource and Referral Parent Specialist to discuss options in your area 1-855-CHILD-01 (1-855-244-5301). <http://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/ClientPortal/ProviderSearch.aspx>

Adult Daycare

After an individual graduates from high school, they have several post-secondary options. For those not continuing to a day habilitation or college program but need additional assistance while their caregiver is at work, adult daycare is an option.

There are limited adult daycare options available in our area. Speak with your case manager to find availability and to request a referral to the available provider(s).

