

# 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 Arc of East Central Iowa's services.

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**

- During the academic year, the program is open Monday through Friday, after school until 6:00 pm at The Arc of East Central Iowa, 680 2nd St SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Program hours are 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM on days school is not open and during the summer months.
- 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 School Age Summer Program**

- Licensed by the Department of Human Services with the primary purpose to provide a fun, safe, and structured environment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Offer a low staff to participant ratio which surpasses all daycare requirements.
- Ages: 5 to 21 years and be attending school or a transition program next fall..
- Dates: mid-June through late-July
- Times: Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM
- Location: Cedar Rapids

### **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).

Utilize the below links for additional programs in our area:

- [Adult Day Programs](#)
- [Day Hab Programs - Chronic Mental Illness](#) or Day Habilitation for Adults with Chronic Mental Illness
- [Day Hab Programs - Developmental Disabilities](#) or Development Disabilities Day Habilitation Programs

