

Choosing a child care provider or early learning school for your child is a VERY important decision and often you have a lot of options to choose from. So, how do you know which is the best fit for your family? We hope this table helps you see how The Children's Workshop compares! Use the backside of this page to compare different providers side-by-side. If you have any questions about our programs we would be happy to answer them, please just ask!

	THE CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP	CENTER BASED CHILD CARE	HOME / FAMILY CHILD CARE	NANNY / BABYSITTER	FAMILY / FRIEND
ACCREDITATION	Achieved or in process*	Varies	Varies	Not applicable	Not applicable
CURRICULUM	Play based, Children's Workshop Curriculum Framework®, proprietary framework written by our top educators in action in every classroom.	Varies from center to center – some are “packaged” curricula and often staff is not trained properly.	Varies - many do not have a formal/structured curriculum.	No formal or structured curriculum	No curriculum
COST	Competitive/affordable rates	Varies	Varies, generally lower than center based care	Pay is usually hourly, may have tax implications	Can be “free”
CONVENIENCE	Open 6:30 am to 6:00 pm**	Hours vary, some close as early at 5:00pm	Hours vary	Hours/availability vary	Hours/availability vary
EDUCATORS	Teachers are highly trained, most have degrees in early childhood development or related field, low turnover, teachers have much experience.	Teachers should meet minimum state licensing standards for education	Education requirements less strict than in center based programs	No education requirements or professional development required	No education requirements or professional development required
FACILITIES	Newly renovated, clean, bright, cheerful, age appropriate environments. Engaging classrooms and outdoor playgrounds	Varies greatly	Varies greatly, often smaller and more intimate settings	Care often takes place in your home	Care often takes place in your home
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT	Parent committee meetings held monthly, resources available for all families. Dedicated Family Liaison to meet the needs of every family.	Varies, many centers do very little to engage families	Varies from program to program	Not applicable	Not applicable
NUTRITION	Hot, delicious, nutritious meals and snacks provided. Nutrition and physical exercise are incorporated into the curriculum	Very few include meals and snacks	Meals and snacks generally not included	Varies	Varies
PROGRAMS	Infant, Toddler, Preschool, PreK, Kindergarten, School Age, Summer Camp (varies by location)	Varies	Varies	Various expertise	Specific to your needs
REGULATION	Meets or exceeds all state child care licensing requirements.	Should follow all state licensing requirements	Should follow all state licensing requirements	Not regulated	Not regulated
RELIABILITY	Open Monday – Friday year round except for 10 holidays, We stay open when it snows!	Most observe at least 10 holidays and many programs close during inclement weather.	Usually take vacation days/weeks. Care may be unavailable if provider is sick.	Usually take vacation days/weeks. Care may be unavailable if provider is sick.	Depends - care may be unavailable if provider is sick.
SAFETY	Highest safety standards; nurses onsite or on call at all locations, staff 100% CPR certified	Varies	Varies	Generally, no formal training	Generally, no formal training
SECURITY	Doors locked 24/7, parent access by private security code only	Varies	Limited	None	None
SUPERVISION	All classrooms meet or exceed state licensing requirements for student-to-teacher ratios	Should follow state mandated ratios	Should follow state mandated ratios – higher ratios allowed	No regulation	No regulation
SOCIALIZATION	Classrooms grouped by age so that children can socialize with their peers.	Classrooms usually grouped by age	Often children of different age groups are cared for in same room	Little/no socialization	Little/no socialization
TECHNOLOGY	Smartboards in most centers, Computers in all PS, PK and school age classrooms for supervised use	Varies greatly	Varies greatly	Varies	Varies

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USE THIS TABLE TO COMPARE UP TO FIVE CHILD CARE OPTIONS

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