

Billings Child Care Association's CHILD CARE DIRECTORY

**A LIST OF REGISTERED CHILDCARE PROVIDERS
AND LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS
IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTY**



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June through August 2016

Free



THE CHILD CARE DIRECTORY



BCCA: 406-238-9751

Billings Child Care Association
145 Grand #3, Billings, MT 59101
BCCA@billingschildcare.co
www.BillingsChildCare.org

Fax: 406-252-8910



CACFP: 406-252-8524

If you are interested in advertising in
BCCA's Child Care Directory,
please call (406) 238-9751

ADVERTISING COSTS

Basic Line ad	\$35.00
Extended line ad	\$50.00
Camera Ready Ads	
Back Cover	\$250.00
Full page	\$225.00
Half page	\$125.00
1/4 page	\$ 75.00

BCCA members receive a
10% discount

NEXT ISSUE:
September through November 2016

AD & PAYMENT DEADLINE:
August 15, 2016

**** IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ ****

In order to place an ad in the Child Care
Directory, you must submit your form, ad,
and payment to BCCA no later than
5:00pm on the above deadline.

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the first time must fill out a Directory
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Providers and businesses renewing or
changing an ad must fill out a Directory
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ABOUT THE BCCA



The Billings Child Care Association (BCCA) is a local nonprofit Association affiliated with the Montana Child Care Association (MtCCA). Membership in BCCA consists of registered and licensed child care providers and others who are interested in promoting quality, affordable, private child care.

The Purpose of the BCCA

- To provide support and education to members in their pursuit of high quality, affordable private child care.
- To serve and act on the behalf of the needs and well being of all families with children in private Registered and Licensed child care facilities.

How to Become a Member of The BCCA

- Dues of \$30 are paid to The BCCA in September of each year. Membership runs from September through August of the following year.
- Dues can be paid at the training held on the second Monday of September of each year from 7:00 to 9:00pm or by dropping off or mailing a payment to 145 Grand, Suite 3, Billings, MT 59102. A completed Montana Child Care Association membership form must accompany the payment. The membership form can be downloaded on the BCCA's website or picked up at their office.

BCCA Membership Benefits Include:

- Membership in The Montana Child Care Association
- Eligibility for the BCCA-sponsored Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Helps meet criteria for the Practitioner Registry and STARS
- Reduced Child Care Directory advertising rates
- Monthly newsletter
- Annual training calendar
- Trainings and education from professional speakers
- Training hours approved by the Montana Early Childhood Project
- Reduced-cost CPR and 1st Aide certification courses
- Networking opportunities
- Monthly potlucks

The BCCA Board

President - Cindy Cuellar

Marion Denk - Secretary

Vice President - Wendy Labrie

Tanya Hensel - Member at Large

Teresa Seward - Treasurer

Nicole King - Member at Large

***THERE ARE TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBER AT LARGE POSITIONS OPEN ON THE BCCA BOARD.
WOULD YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW LIKE TO JOIN THE BOARD? CALL 238-9751!***

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DEFINITIONS



Legally Certified Provider = In this more informal type of care, a parent or legal guardian selects an individual - often a family member, friend, or neighbor - to care for all the children in one family or up to two unrelated children. Legally Certified Providers must pass Montana and FBI criminal background checks and Child Protective Services background checks but are not otherwise regulated or monitored by the State of Montana.

Family Childcare = One caregiver caring for up to six children at a time with no more than three under the age of two years. Care is offered in a home-like setting, usually in the caregiver's residence. Family childcares must be registered with the State of Montana's *Child Care Licensing Program*.

Group Childcare = Two caregivers providing care for seven to twelve children, with a limit of six under the age of two years. Care is offered in a home-like setting, usually in one of the caregiver's residences. Group childcares must be registered with the State of Montana's *Child Care Licensing Program*.

Center Childcare = A center serves thirteen or more children with a staff-to-child ratio based on the age of the children. State law requires Childcare Center to be licensed by the State of Montana's *Child Care Licensing Program*.

Unlicensed/Unregistered Childcares = Before school, drop-in, after school, and preschool programs are NOT required to be licensed or registered with the State of Montana's *Child Care Licensing Program* and are not monitored or inspected.

For more information about the *Child Care Licensing Program*, please visit :

dphhs.mt.gov/qad/Licensure/LBCCL.aspx

or contact the Child Care Program Office serving Yellowstone county:

2121 Rosebud Dr, Suite G
Billings, MT 59102

Cora Helm
Phone: 655-7632
FAX: 655-7682
E-mail: chelm@mt.gov
Serving Childcares *M to Z*

Tana Johnson
Phone: 655-7633
FAX: 655-7682
E-mail: tajohnson@mt.gov
Serving Childcares *A to L*

CACFP = The Child and Adult Food Care Program (CACFP) is a federal program that provides reimbursement for healthful meals and snacks served to children enrolled in licensed/registered childcares. Providers must adhere to nutrition requirements when serving meals and snacks and attend at least two hours of approved nutrition training each year.

STARS = The Best Beginnings STARS to Quality Program is a voluntary quality rating improvement system that aligns quality indicators with support and incentives for early childhood programs and early childhood professionals. For more information, please visit:

dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/ChildCare/STARS.aspx



PARENT'S CHECKLIST



20% of registered and licensed childcares are randomly inspected annually by the Department of Public Health and Human Services' Quality Assurance Division. Childcares participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program are visited at unscheduled times three times a year by their Food Program sponsor.

Whether you choose a Family, Group, or Center childcare, your child's daycare is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent, as it will have life-long effects on your child.

Below is a checklist that may help you choose a quality Child Care Program for your child.

THE PROVIDER

- Did the provider show you a copy of their registration/license certificate?
- Does the provider have a contract? Did they review it with you and answer any questions you had?
- What training have they taken?
- What was your general impression after visiting the child care setting?
- Is this a place you would enjoy spending your day?
- Did the children appear to be enjoying themselves?
- Did you personally feel comfortable with and like the caregiver?
- Did they appear to be a patient, caring, loving individual?
- Did they appear confident and comfortable handling the children? Did they appear overwhelmed?
- Do they have the similar values and thoughts on discipline, potty training, and other important topics?
- Do the children feel comfortable approaching the caregiver?

THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT & PROGRAM

- Are menus posted? Do you approve of the foods being served? Are they balanced meals?
- Is meal time a pleasant experience for the children?
- Is the kitchen kept clean and proper food handling practiced?
- Are the children required to eat everything on their plates? Do they receive seconds? Do you approve of these guidelines?
- Is the childcare area clean and safe?
- Are the children permitted time for individual play?
- Are there a variety of toys that are age appropriate and allow for different experiences?
- Are there comfortable, quiet areas provided for a child to be alone when needed?
- Is there a TV in the play area? What are the children permitted to view during the day?
- Is the level of activity in the home suitable for your child?
- Does everyone have to participate in every activity or are the children given choices about what they want to do?
- Is safe transportation provided for field trips and outings?



BALLANTINE



<u>Provider</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>CACFP</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>School Transport</u>
Nina's Daycare Ninette Johnson	670-9152 967-2277	Yes	Newborn to 12 yrs	6:00am to 6:00pm Monday thru Friday	Group	Huntley Project



LOCKWOOD



<u>Provider</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>CACFP</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>School Transport</u>
Ne'Ne's Daycare Rene Johnson	672-2342	Yes	2 wks thru 12 yrs	7:00am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Family	

** I have openings for summer care! June 6 through August 21. ** 9yrs as a registered provider. Child Care Development Specialist and Infant/Toddler Caregiver certifications. Infants needs are met on demand. Tummy time. Interaction with caregiver. Age-appropriate toys. Preschool program for ages 3-5. Energetic activities. Free play indoors and out. References available upon request.



SHEPHERD



<u>Provider</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>CACFP</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>School Transport</u>
Camp Becky's Becky Skogas	259-1982	Yes	Infant thru 12 yrs	7:30am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Group	Shepherd & Pioneer Bus
Kountry Kare Mandy Berens	373-5555	Yes	Infant thru 12 yrs	6:00am to 6:00pm Monday thru Friday	Center	Shepherd Pioneer

STARS to Quality Participant: STAR Level 2



BILLINGS - Heights (East of Main)



<u>Provider</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>CACFP</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>School Transport</u>
Lil' Cupcakes Childcare Dawn Ikener	697-7238	Yes	6 mos thru 12 yrs	7:30am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Group	



BILLINGS - Heights (West of Main)



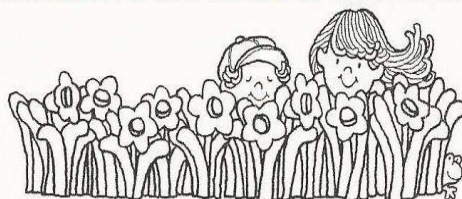
<u>Provider</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>CACFP</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>School Transport</u>
Sharon Adams Child Care Sharon Adams	245-0531	Yes	Zero thru 12 yrs	7:00am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Family	
In HIS Hands Childcare Aimee Hauber	248-2615	Yes	Birth to 5 yrs	6:30am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Family	
Little People Child Care Rana Rasmussen	690-4300	Yes	Zero to 6 yrs	7:00am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Group	



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BILLINGS - South/Southwest



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Carla's Kid Castle Carla LaFurge	655-0324	Yes	Zero to 5 yrs	7:00am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Family	

STARS to Quality, CDA, Preschool certified, Infant/Toddler certified, CPR and 1st Aid certified. Loving environment. STEM and open-ended play preschool.



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❖ BILLINGS - Division to 15th Street West ❖





<u>Provider</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>CACFP</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>School Transport</u>
Gramma Dee's Daycare Marion Denk	248-1859	Yes	Zero to 6 yrs	6:00am to 6:00pm Monday thru Friday	Group	Broadwater
College Major in Child Psychology, Development and Curriculum.						
Cindy's Daycare Cindy Cuellar	698-6575	Yes	2 mos to 5 yrs	7:30am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Family	
Ready-Set-Grow Child Care - Patti Gross	245-3414	Yes	Newborn to 11yrs	6:00am to 6:00pm Monday thru Friday	Family	Washington
Wonder Years Tammi Russell	245-4192	Yes	6 wks thru 12 yrs	6:30am to 5:45pm Monday thru Friday	Group	Broadwater Lewis & Clark McKinley Newman Washington
Grandma's House Mary Reese	252-4856	Yes	Zero thru 12 yrs	24 Hours	Family	
Pooh's Too! Preschool & Childcare	896-1111	Yes	Zero thru 12 yrs	6:30am to 6:00pm Monday thru Friday	Center	16 Schools!

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❖ BILLINGS - 15th Street West to 24th Street West ❖

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Family Tree Child Care Shelly Stanley- Lehman	591-0764	Yes	Zero thru 12 yrs	7:00am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Group	Miles Ave
Carole's Daycare Carole Hammeren	652-2879	Yes	Zero thru 12 yrs	6:30am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Group	
18yrs experience - Food Program - State Assisted Families - Pre-School - Arts & Crafts. Openings for 4 Full Time Children. Do Potty Training.						
Open Bible Christian Center Daycare	656-4946	Yes	2 yrs thru 12 yrs	6:30am to 6:00pm Monday thru Friday	Group	Arrowhead Boulder Burlington Central Heights Miles Poly

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BILLINGS - 24th Street West to Shiloh



<u>Provider</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>CACFP</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>School Transport</u>
Christine Muri	656-5439	Yes	6 wks to 6 yrs	6:30am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Family	
Jan Litton Childcare Jan Litton	652-2290 281-2229	Yes	Zero thru 12 yrs	24 hours	Group	
Awesome Day Child Care Brooke Cecil	839-1705	Yes	1yr to 6yrs	7:00am to 6:00pm Monday thru Friday	Family	
Tiny Treasures Daycare Linda Atkinson	656-8768	Yes	Infant to 10 yrs	7:00am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Group	Big Sky Boulder Grace Mont.
Tadpoles Beverly Osborn	927-3443	Yes	Zero to 6 yrs	7:30am to 7:00pm Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 5:30pm Saturday	Family	
Kid Kountry Child Development Center Kaycee Hodges	651-0720	Yes	2 yrs to 12 yrs	6:45am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Center	All Westend

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BILLINGS - West of Shiloh



<u>Provider</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>CACFP</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>School Transport</u>
Howell's Childcare Karen Howell	656-9704	Yes	2 yrs thru 12 yrs	7:00am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Family	



LAUREL



<u>Provider</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>CACFP</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>School Transport</u>
Little Sunshine Daycare Heather Wilkerson	628-2597	Yes	3 mos thru 12 yrs	7:00am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday	Family	
The Sunshine Academy	628-4211	Yes	2 yrs thru 12 yrs	6:15am to 6:00pm Monday thru Friday	Center	Fred Graff South West

Montana WIC

The Montana WIC Program provides nutrition information and healthy foods to income-eligible families with pregnant or breastfeeding moms, and for infants and children under 5 years old. Many working families qualify for WIC benefits.



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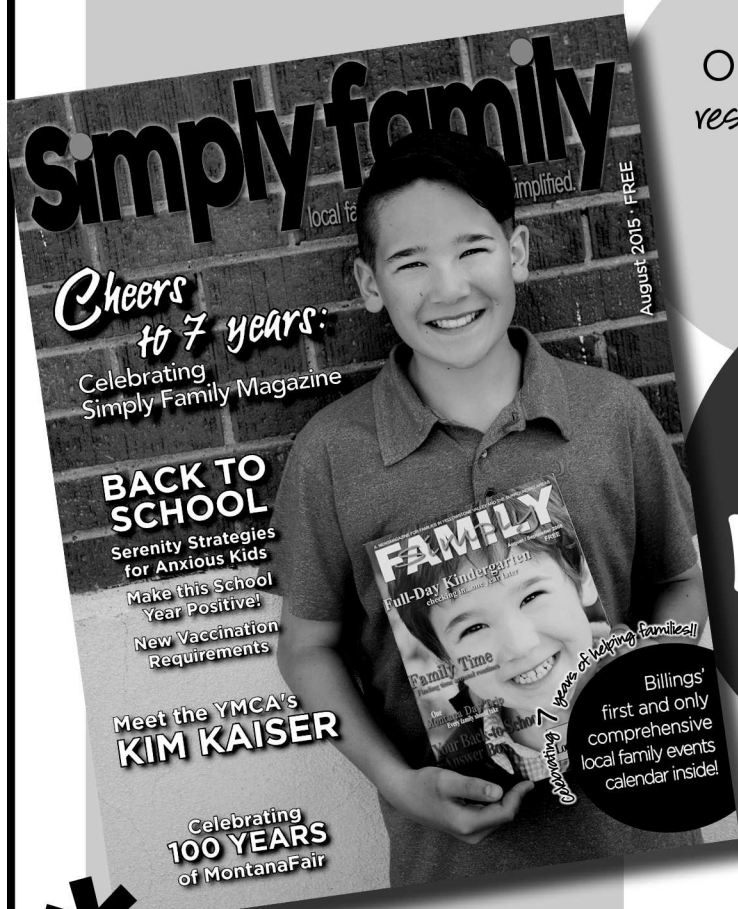
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- Joliet
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