



CHILD CARE RESOURCES

The child care industry is an important economic driver within both the State of Minnesota and the Greater St. Cloud region.

Child care options are necessary for our regional economy to have an available workforce. Stability is needed for child care providers to continue quality care for our children. It's essential to prepare children to be successful in school and beyond. It's critical to raise families out of poverty by providing the opportunity for gainful employment in our community.

According to the United Way of Central Minnesota, over **4,400 kids in our community need child care and 24 percent of parents** surveyed have withdrawn from the workforce or declined employment due to child care arrangements.

REGIONAL RESOURCES INCLUDE:

United Way of Central Minnesota Child Care & Business Toolkit:

Explore this toolkit for valuable insights and guidance designed for businesses and child care providers. It serves as a guide for businesses aiming to improve child care availability and strengthen the local workforce. Child care programs can also benefit by leveraging this toolkit to understand the advantages of partnering with businesses and uncover effective collaboration strategies. Learn more at www.unitedwayhelps.org

Initiative Foundation Childcare Solutions

Resources to help communities and providers navigate local and statewide opportunities. From information on starting a childcare business to guidance on how communities and nonprofits can identify grant support, they are aligned with partner organizations across the state to support Central Minnesota's childcare sector. Learn more at <https://ifound.org/>

Examples of child care solutions from local businesses:

[ColdSpring](#), [IRT](#), [Stearns Bank](#)



Need more support?

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