

Orientation

MEET WITH THE CARE PROVIDER

Schedule a meeting. Discuss expectations, routines, and any specific needs your child may have.

PAPER WORK

Complete any necessary enrollment forms. Ensure emergency contacts are up to date. Report any medical concerns.

ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION

Establish open and clear communication. Discuss how they will keep you updated on your child's progress.

THE CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

Familiarize yourself with the child care schedule and activities. Let the center know your child's schedule each month.

FIND CHILD CARE

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar>
Choose your county and see your choices.

WISCONSIN DREAM UP

FOCUSING ON CRAWFORD COUNTY

SUPPORTING AGENCIES

- Driftless Development Inc.
- University of Wisconsin - Madison Extension - Crawford County
- Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA)
- The Parenting Place

COMMITTEE

- Amanda Griswold, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Crawford County
- Mari Beth Valley, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association
- Angie Sailing, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association



CRAWFORD COUNTY DREAM UP GRANT

Steps to Safe Child Care



INFANTS
UP TO
6 YEARS OLD



<https://crawford.extension.wisc.edu/early-childhood/>



First Day of Childcare

- Develop a drop-off and pick-up routine.
- Provide comfort items for your child.
- Label your child's belongings, including clothes, backpacks, lunch boxes, sleeping materials, outer clothing, and boots.
- Have a backup plan in place if your child is unable to attend care due to illness or emergency. If your child becomes ill or you get a call from the center have a plan in place for you or a backup person to care for the child.

Maintaining a Healthy Relationship Best Practice

ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION

Establish open and clear communication with the child care provider. Discuss how they will keep you updated on your child's progress, behavior, and any issues that may arise.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Stay engaged with your childcare classroom experience by attending parent teacher meetings, participating in special events, and/or activities.

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RESPONSIVENESS

If your child encounters any difficulties or concerns while in childcare, be responsive and work collaboratively with the provider and address the issue.

OBSERVE AND MONITOR

Continue to observe your child's emotional and physical well-being. If you notice any significant changes in behavior, discuss them with the child care provider.



REMEMBER!
Effective communication and positive relationships with your childcare providers will have lasting impressions!