

Frequently Asked Questions about the Child Care Initiative

How do I apply?

Please contact the partnering providers directly for availability and program information.

Who is eligible to receive dedicated slots?

Benefits-eligible employees at both the University and Hospitals can apply for dedicated slots with partnering providers. Employees must provide proof of employment status to providers. The providers may also have open community slots that non-benefits-eligible employees or students may access as available.

How much does it cost?

Each provider has its own price structure that applies to all families. There are no special discounts for University or Hospitals employees.

What are the hours available for care?

Partnering providers offer year-round, full-day child care. Exact hours of operation or contract periods may vary by provider, so please contact them directly.

Are there age requirements?

The dedicated slots created through this pilot program are for infants and toddlers ages six weeks through thirty-six months. Each provider, however, has the ability to care for older children, so children can transition to older classrooms as they age out of the Child Care Initiative program. Please contact the individual providers for more information on age requirements and availability.

Are these three the only providers in the Child Care Initiative program?

Currently, these three providers have been awarded grants to expand or enhance their child care capabilities. Providers were chosen by a review team of faculty members and outside child care and early childhood development experts in a competitive grant-making process. Other providers may be added if this pilot initiative proves successful.

Do you have to apply every year for a reserved slot?

No. Once you are in a reserved employee slot it, it remains yours as long as you need it.

If slots are no longer available, can you be put on a waiting list?

Yes. Each provider maintains its own waiting list for both employee-designated and open community slots.

What happens if I leave the University or Hospitals?

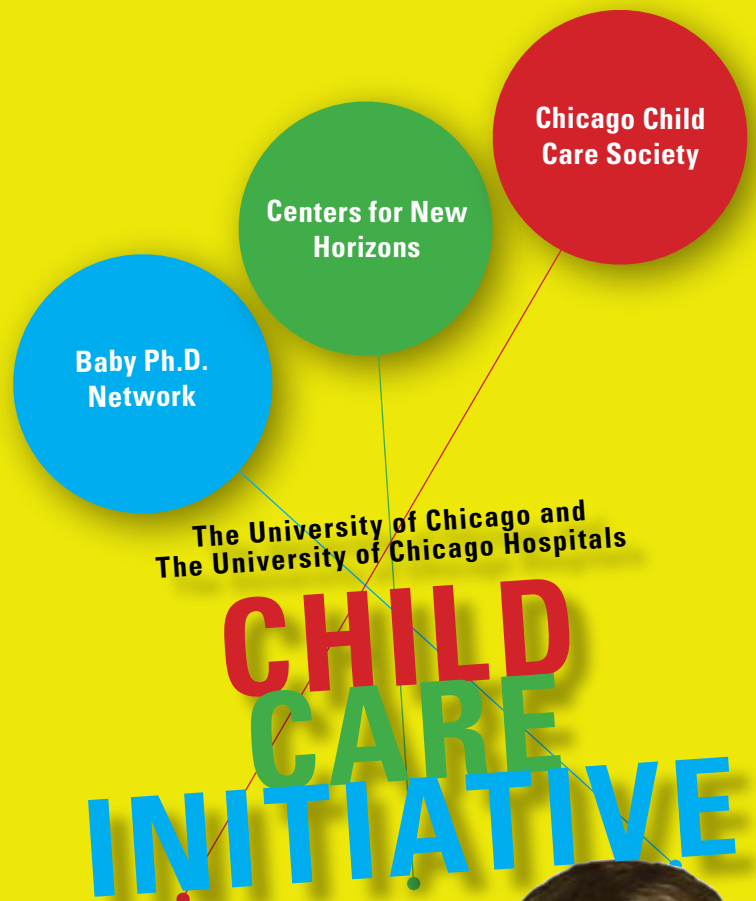
If you accept a dedicated slot, this slot remains yours as long as you need it per your agreement with the provider.

Who can I talk to for more information on this program?

Each provider can answer questions on its program and the availability of dedicated slots.

Are there other resources for child care referrals?

Yes. University employees may call (773) 702-9634 or visit <http://hr.uchicago.edu/benefits/spds/childcare/>. Hospitals employees may call (800) 456-6327.



The new Child Care Initiative of the University of Chicago and University of Chicago Hospitals enhances the availability and access to high-quality child care in Hyde Park and the surrounding communities for children under the age of three in employee families. In June 2006, grants totaling over \$400,000 were made to two neighborhood centers and a home-based child care provider network to create or expand services for children.

The awardees who have received facility-expansion and/or program-enhancement grants appear on this spread. Through our partnership agreement, each provider has set aside a limited number of dedicated child care slots for employee use. Seventy new child care slots for employees will be created through this initiative and available to employees on a first-come/first-served basis.

Please contact our three partners for more information on their programs and availability.

Baby Ph.D. Network

Office: Baby Ph.D. Store and Children's Workshop
5225 South Harper Avenue
(Harper Court, lower level)



- Baby Ph.D. Network is a group of home-based child care providers located throughout Hyde Park and the surrounding geographical areas. Network members provide developmentally stimulating home environments within which children's natural love of learning can flourish. The network is dedicated to holistic early childhood education led by professionally trained teachers who foster the growth of the whole child through age-appropriate learning activities that address social, emotional, cognitive, language, and physical development. Families interested in placing their children in the care of a Baby Ph.D. Network provider will receive detailed child care-related information, support, and referral services on request.

For more information,
visit <http://www.babyphd.com>,
e-mail info@babyphd.com,
or call (773) 684-8920.

Chicago Child Care Society

Child and Family
Development Center
5467 South University Avenue



- The Chicago Child Care Society (CCCS) has operated early childhood education and care programs since assuming management of the child care services of the Hyde Park Nursery Association in 1957. Since that time, the CCCS Child and Family Development Center (CFDC) has grown the program into a comprehensive child development center providing early childhood education and care to toddler and preschool-age children from two through five years old. Families served by CFDC represent a great diversity of social, economic, and racial backgrounds.

For more information,
visit <http://www.cccsociety.org> or
call Nancy Johnstone, Executive Director, or
Deborah Hagman-Shannon,
Associate Director, at (773) 643-0452.

Centers for New Horizons

New Effie O. Ellis Center
4301 South Cottage Grove Avenue



- Centers for New Horizons has provided quality early care and education for families for thirty-five years. Its program fosters the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of children ages 0–5. Language development, the arts, different cultures, nutrition, and fitness are program hallmarks. At the new state-of-the-art Effie O. Ellis Center in Bronzeville, highly trained staff infuse play with rich learning experiences for infants and toddlers, building early development, social skills, and academic readiness. A staff:child ratio of 1:3 enables quality care and abundant learning opportunities.

For more information,
visit <http://www.cnh.org> or call
Artiya Nash, Early Childhood
Education Director, at
(773) 373-5700.