



CHILD CARE CENTERS
REFERRALS • TRAINING

FACT SHEET

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History

Day Nursery is the oldest child care provider in the state of Indiana, and is one of the few non-profit child care agencies in the Indianapolis area. Day Nursery was created in 1899 by the Kings Daughters Society who had provided clothing and food baskets to needy families. Wishing to expand their service, the Kings Daughters established Day Nursery to provide care for the children of working mothers. By 1940, modern child care standards were established, and as the need for quality child care grew, Day Nursery's programs and services became recognized as the "standard bearer" of early childhood excellence.

Day Nursery Early Care and Education Centers

Day Nursery operates seven state-licensed and nationally accredited child care centers in central Indiana. Annually, over 1,000 children of working and student parents receive high quality care in Day Nursery centers.

- **PROFESSIONAL STAFF** – Day Nursery's full-time teachers have a college degree or the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. In-service education maintains quality programs. Day Nursery also supports its teaching staff by offering tuition assistance for early childhood courses.
- **CURRICULUM** – The program's major focus is the development of the individual child. Along with cognitive growth, attention is paid to the child's social, emotional and physical growth, with opportunities for each child to explore and learn. Day Nursery uses the Creative Curriculum® which provides a rich program that is based on individual child's assessment. It is in line with the Preschool Foundations created by the Indiana Department of Education.
- **HEALTH PROGRAM** – Pediatric nurse practitioners, with parent approval, provide children with immunizations, TB skin tests and physical examinations. Day Nursery volunteers conduct an annual vision screening for children age three and older. Other health services include lead and dental screening.
- **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** – Day Nursery provides low-to-moderate income parents the advantage of quality child care at an affordable price. With financial support from government assistance, United Way, Day Nursery Foundation and Auxiliary contributions, grants and individual donors, Day Nursery provides tuition subsidies to income-eligible parents.
- **PARENTS** – Day Nursery conducts parent/teacher conferences, encourages parental visits and participation, and provides information on parenting skills and financial resources available to help them fulfill both their financial and parental responsibilities.

Financial Support

The programs and services of Day Nursery are funded by various public and private sources.

Financial Source	2008	2007
Parent Fees	36.7%	38.3%
Government	36.6%	35.1%
United Way	6.3%	6.4%
Day Nursery Foundation & Auxiliary	2.8%	2.8%
Gifts from Organizations	4.4%	2.4%
Gifts from Individuals	0.3%	0.5%
Gifts In-Kind	11.5%	12.9%
Other	1.4%	1.6%



Mission Statement

As a non-profit organization of professional staff and volunteers, Day Nursery's mission is to assure excellent early care and education for young children in central Indiana.

We promise: NAEYC accredited programs in our child care centers, curriculum that inspires life-long learning, flexible fee arrangements, continuous training and development of staff, community education and resources, leadership through public policy, and community and corporate support.



Outreach, Referrals and Training

As an advocate for quality child care, Day Nursery provides a variety of programs that support the children, parents, and child care providers in the Indianapolis metro area. For service or information about the following programs, call **Child Care Answers** at **317.631.4643** or the individual numbers listed. If outside the local area, call 1.800.272.2937.

- **CHILD CARE ANSWERS (CCA)** provides parents, living in Hamilton, Hendricks, Johnson and Marion counties, who are seeking help in locating and evaluating child care, with the resources needed to make an informed decision. Child care referrals are given to parents from a database of more than 1,500 child care providers. CCA's referral specialists currently process over 75 calls daily. Support and training is offered to child care providers (centers, homes, and registered ministries) through training and mentoring programs. Child Care Answers offers introductory workshops (Orientation I & 2) for those interested in starting a home child care business. Child Care Answers is a project of the Indiana Association for Child Care Resource & Referral and the Indiana Family & Social Service Administration. CCA is a member of the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRRA). Call **317.631.4643** or log-on to www.childcareanswers.com for assistance and to do an online search for childcare.
- **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION** opportunities are provided and coordinated through Child Care Answers. Child Care Answers provides quarterly Early Care and Education training opportunities throughout Central Indiana. Child Care Answers also offers the 120 required training hours for the Child Development Association (CDA) credential. These training programs are open to child care providers all across central Indiana. For more information, call 317.636.5727, extension 257.
- **FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES** offers a variety of services to the in-home child care provider. Day Nursery is the fiscal agent for (federal) Child and Adult Care Food Program reimbursements to over 100 licensed providers who provide children with nutritious meals and snacks. Other services include technical assistance, information, and training in early childhood areas such as building a child's self-esteem, positive discipline, indoor/outdoor activities, arts and crafts, and more.

Day Nursery Locations (area code 317)		*Accredited by National Assn. for Education of Young Children (NAEYC)	
Administrative Offices	636.9197	687.6247 (fax)	info@daynursery.org
615 N. Alabama St., #300, Indianapolis, IN 46204		Website: www.daynursery.org	
Follow us on Twitter: @daynurseryindy		Blog: http://daynurseryindy.wordpress.com	
Child Care Answers	631.4643	687.6248 (fax)	mindyb@childcareanswers.com
615 N. Alabama St., #300, Indianapolis, IN 46204		www.childcareanswers.com	
*Clarian Early Care & Education Center	283.3838	283.1297 (fax)	clarian@daynursery.org
2140 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, IN 46202		Open 6:15 am-7:30 pm	(infants 6 weeks through age 6)
Rene Withers, Director; Jesse McCloud, Director of Curriculum; Melinda Memmer, Office Manager			
*Federal Center	226.5487	226.5632 (fax)	federal@daynursery.org
575 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204		Open 6:30 am-6:00 pm	(infants 6 weeks through age 6)
Sarah Parks, Director and Brandi Burns, Office Manager			
*Northwest Early Care & Education Center	291.8048	293.9438 (fax)	northwest@daynursery.org
5735 W. 73 rd Street Indianapolis IN 46278		Open 6:30 am-6:00 pm	(infants 6 weeks through age 6)
<i>This center opened 8/25/09 It replaces our location at 3939 w. 56th St.</i>			
Marla Segal, Director and Shannon Taylor, Office Manager			
*Hendricks County Early Care & Education Center	271.2603	271.2736 (fax)	avon@daynursery.org
1351 N. Ronald Reagan Parkway, Avon, IN 46123		Open 6:00 am-6:00 pm	(infants 6 weeks through age 6)
Joy McCall, Director; Jackie Williams, Assistant Director; Carrie Montgomery, Office Manager			
*Indiana State Government Center	233.1776	233.1874 (fax)	state@daynursery.org
100 N. Senate Ave. #N150, Indianapolis, IN 46204		Open 6:45 am-5:45 pm	(infants 6 weeks through age 6)
Deanna Saylor, Director; Marti Thiery, Assistant Director and Amy Cavin, Office Manager			
*Ruth A. Lilly Center	926.1203	926.6136 (fax)	lilly@daynursery.org
3522 N. Central Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46205		Open 7:00 am-6:00 pm	(age 2 through age 6)
Andrew Jagers, Center Director			
*Start Smart 4 Children (Ft. Harrison Center)	377.7015	377.7019 (fax)	fort@daynursery.org
5545 Herbert Lord Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216		Open 6:00 am-6:00 pm	(infants 6 weeks through age 6)
Debra Ballard, Center Director and Carolyn Long, Office Manager			