

Use the QR code to get 5 must-ask questions for child care interviews.





## Start your child care search with ABC Quality.









ABC Quality is administered by the Early Care and Education division of the South Carolina Department of Social Services.





# There *is* an easy place to search for quality child care.

Child care isn't a luxury for the working parents and caregivers of 2/3 of the state's children. It's essential. Whether infant, toddler or preschooler, many SC children spend hours in child care each day. ABC Quality helps ensure the state's families have access to high-quality settings where children can thrive.

Check out the easy-to-use, online search tool to find providers or explore individual providers' quality ratings and assessments. If you choose an ABC Quality provider, you may be able to unlock scholarships that make care more affordable, too.



### **Make Confident Choices**

When it comes to quality, it's hard to know what to look for — especially for first time parents. Our child care quality ratings evaluate many aspects of a program including: Do nurturing relationships exist between children and providers? Are literacy and language development supported? Are social skills guided while supporting culture and abilities? Is the program structured but offering personalized care? Is the facility safe, inclusive and age appropriate?

### **Unlock Scholarships**

It's no secret the cost of child care can be a hurdle. Scholarships are available for ABC Quality-rated providers that bring high quality care to low and middle income families, TANF or homeless families, dual language learners and children with disabilities, developmental delays or in foster care. In addition, by choosing a rated provider, your child is more likely to experience high quality child care in a setting that's suited for their needs.



#### **Access More Options**

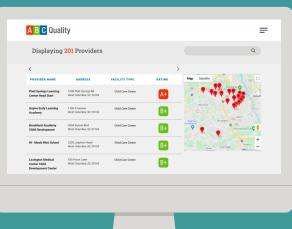
Child care is a must for families, yet many South Carolina communities have limited child care access. ABC Quality works with partners to create new child care programs and expand existing programs to serve more children. Our grants fund program and facility operations, technology upgrades or financial assistance for personnel, equipment and supplies that help providers enhance their facilities and operations to better serve children and families.

## Find real facts about child care programs in seconds.

If you're looking for child care, start your search early and head to the ABC Quality website.

- Just input the zip code of the area you're considering and search to see providers in the area, their physical location, their ABC Quality rating if applicable and licensing status.
- 2. Within the list, you can select each provider to dig deep into facility details and view recent review and inspection data.

ABC Quality helps you connect with programs that fit your family's needs and expectations from the get-go. When you start your search at ABC Quality, you'll be ahead of the game for tours and interviews. Nothing's easy about finding child care except knowing the place to start – ABC Quality.





Visit **abcquality.org** or use the QR code to connect with high quality providers near you.