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Searchable Online Database Helps Parents Find the Right Child Care Provider

WILMINGTON – An advanced online database for finding licensed child care providers in Delaware is now available to the public on the Delaware Children’s Department website. The searchable database was designed to make it easier for parents to find licensed child care providers in their area and to quickly view if a provider has any current enforcement actions being taken against them. It allows parents to search for a childcare provider based on the provider type, city, zip code, county, and/or the provider name.

“As a parent, I understand how important it is to find a quality child care provider to nurture and look after our children,” said Cabinet Secretary Vivian Rapposelli. “It is our hope that this searchable database will help parents make a more informed decision.”

Once a parent has chosen their search criteria, a list of corresponding providers will appear. Parents can click on an entry to view more information including the ages of children the provider will serve, the capacity of the provider and the hours of operation. Though the information provided through the database is current, it is not comprehensive. Parents are encouraged to do a more in-depth file review of any providers they are strongly interested in using.

“We developed this website as a starting point for parents in their search for the right child care for their family,” said Patti Quinn, administrator for the Office of Child Care Licensing. “In the coming months we plan to add more features that are meant to make the process more user-friendly.”

A survey is available for users of the database to fill out and provide feedback on aspects of the database including content and format. The database can be accessed by clicking the “locate a child care center in my area” link under the “How Do I” section of the Department’s internet homepage – www.kids.delaware.gov.

On any given day, the Delaware Children’s Department provides services to approximately 8,000 children who have been abused, neglected, abandoned, dependent, or have mental health or substance abuse problems, and/or have been adjudicated delinquent by the Courts. Our Office of Child Care Licensing gives licenses to over 1,700 child care providers. For more information, please visit <http://www.kids.delaware.gov> or www.thinkofthechildfirst.com.

Our Mission: The Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth & Their Families provides leadership and advocacy for all of Delaware’s children, while endorsing a holistic approach to enable children to reach their fullest potential.

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