CHILDCARE OPTIONS FOR BABIES

Know your choices

Childcare decisions can feel overwhelming at times. Take these options as a starting point for considering options for your son or daughter.

1 TRADITIONAL DAYCARE

This is what most people think of when they think of daycare. Some daycares are privately owned or non-profit organizations. Many churches also operate daycares for church members and the community.

2 NANNY

Securing a nanny is usually the most costly way to go, but provides a dedicated individual for your child. Some nannies are full-time employees of a family, but others offer a part-time or hourly arrangement.

3 FAMILY CARE

Grandparents or other family can sometimes serve in the role or caregiver. Some families have several relatives that provide care at different times.

4 BABYSITTER

A babysitter is usually payed based on hours needed. Some babysitters provide care in their home or sometimes in your family's home.

5 HOME DAYCARE

Some daycare options are based in the caregiver's residence. This is usually offered for multiple families, but smaller than a traditional daycare. Depending on the location, a license may be required for the location/caregiver.

6 THE COMBO

Many families decide that one option alone does not serve their needs. As parents, you may determine that a combination of methods works best for your family's unique needs.

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