

Issues Facing Our Community:

CHILD CARE

OVERVIEW

Some type of child care arrangements are used by 600,000 families in Minnesota. In some part of the state, there are three times as many children as child care providers. The Minnesota Department of Human Services reports from 2005-2015, the number of licensed in-home providers dropped 27 percent.

SERVICES/ORGANIZATIONS

Local services that have programming or the ability to assist with child care needs.

- Center Child Care
- Preschool
- Church Preschools
- Family Child Care (licensed and non)
- Head Start
- School District Programs
- Child Care Assistance
- Babysitters
- Nannies
- Family Members
- WCI

- Scholarships
- ECSE
- Rainbow Rider
- School Busing

NEEDS

Greater availability
Safe child care
Full day preschool
Drop-in child care
Transportation to care
Perks for provider:

- Benefits
- Salary
- Education

Diverse care options:

- Sick children
- Special needs children
- Behavior issues

Consistent providers
School readiness
Keeping siblings together

UNITED WAY COMMUNITY IMPACT COALITION

The coalition's strategic intent is to create long lasting impact in our community in the areas of education, income, and health by serving as a resource in identifying and meeting community needs, as well as being a resource to one another. Meetings take place once a month and are open to the community. Learn more at www.uwdp.prg



BARRIERS TO MEETING NEEDS

Service hours
Paper work for services
Home providers:

- Taking holidays/vacation
- Their own sick children
- Education
- Licensing

Qualifications
Waiting lists
School zoning
Program funding
Liability
Limit on infant spots
Child care assistance late on payment or approval

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- Carpooling
- On-call providers
- Grants | Expanding
- Grants | Supplies
- Higher pay
- Recruiting to field
- Raising Awareness
- Business childcare
- Crisis Nursery

DOUGLAS COUNTY

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