

Mountain Home AFB CDC

Fulltime Child Care

The center offers quality developmental care to children ages six weeks to 5 years of age. Curricula are planned for each classroom based on individual developmental need and interest. The full day program offers childcare Monday through Friday for full time working parents. Full day programs open daily at 6:30 am and close at 5:30 pm. We offer individualized educational plans implemented by trained staff that helps and supports children while they develop cognitive, language, social, emotional as well as gross and fine motor skills. The program includes science activities, dramatic plays, writing, movement, letter recognition, number recognition, arts, crafts, family-involvement activities, field trips and more. We utilize a project approach to learning. This approach is more hands on and thus more relevant to the children's lives, making a stronger impact. The children practice important school readiness skills and experience opportunities to develop an understanding of science concepts, early literacy and reading skills, early math skills, and language skills, as well physical and social growth. School readiness skills are incorporated into and focused on, daily experiences and interests, rather than rote learning of a subject or the production of ditto sheets. Such an approach encourages children to think, both logically and creatively, and provides children with a positive and successful experience, that sets the stage for a life of learning.

CDC Hourly Care

With today's hectic, fast-paced life-style, the need for quality hourly childcare is more important than ever before. We have added the following to increase flexibility to our program to meet today's needs:

1. Allow families with medical appointments to make a request for hourly care once appointment is established, providing space is available.
2. Take hourly care on a walk-in basis providing space is available.
3. If a family's hourly childcare needs cannot be met at the CDC, the family is referred to the Family Child Care staff for assistance in finding hourly care.

Care is provided from 0730-1630 (exceptions made on case-by-case basis), Monday–Friday on a space available basis with the exception of Federal Holidays and Down Days. The Program is located in various rooms, according to age. Hourly care charges will be the CDC hourly rate of \$4.00.

Give Parents a Break (GPAB)

Give Parents a Break program is provided through the Child Development Center and Youth Programs to help families during stressful times. The childcare is free, paid for by the Air Force Aid society to families undergoing stress with children 6 weeks to 12 years. Circumstances include separation due to deployment, remote tours, extended training TDY, and family stress or unique circumstances. A referral for GPAB is required and may be obtained through First Sergeants, A&FRC, Mental Health, and CDC/YC Directors. GPAB registration deadline is noon on Wednesday the week prior (10 days) to GPAB.