Childcare Search Tracker

Find care fast, compare providers and ask the right questions

Childcare waitlists can run months long. Get your request in as soon as you have orders, then use this tracker to compare every option side by side.

Child(ren) & ages: _____ Care needed by: _____

Days / hours needed: _____ Monthly budget: _____

Start the search

- [ ] Request care at the new installation on MilitaryChildCare.com as soon as you have orders
- [ ] Update your current request with the new location; remove old requests you no longer need
- [ ] Ask the gaining CDC about priority status and estimated wait times
- [ ] Look at Family Child Care (FCC) homes on and off post
- [ ] Ask about fee assistance for community care if on-post care is full
- [ ] Check your gaining state's licensing site for inspection reports on private providers
- [ ] Ask your sponsor and spouse groups for real recommendations
- [ ] Line up backup care (hourly care, sitters, family) for your first few weeks

Provider tracker

Provider name	Type (CDC/FCC /private)	Phone / email	Waitlist date	Cost / week	Status

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Questions to ask every provider

- [ ] Are you licensed or accredited? When was your last inspection?
- [ ] What is the staff-to-child ratio for my child's age?
- [ ] How long have your teachers been here? What training do they have?
- [ ] Are staff CPR/first-aid certified and background checked?
- [ ] What do a typical day, meals and naps look like?
- [ ] How do you handle discipline, potty training and separation?
- [ ] Can you support allergies, medications or special needs?
- [ ] How do you communicate with parents during the day?
- [ ] What are your hours, late fees and holiday closures?
- [ ] What is your sick-child policy?
- [ ] Do you offer a military discount or deployment flexibility?
- [ ] Can we visit, and what does the transition plan look like?

Visit notes

Pro tip: Ask whether you can hold a spot before you arrive. Some providers will save one with a deposit and a copy of your orders.

Keep going with PCS Like A Pro

Find more printables and step-by-step help at **pcslikeapro.org**, starting with the **Childcare** page. Want your whole move in one place? The **Command Center** binder walks you from orders to keys.

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