



National Child Care Information Center

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES in the EARLY CHILDHOOD FIELD

The following is a sample of resources specific to employment opportunities in the early childhood field.

STATE and LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

In addition to the classified section in your local newspaper, the following resources may be a useful starting point in researching information about child care programs that are hiring early childhood education teachers.

■ Child care varies by State, community, and age of the child. There are no Federal licensing requirements for child care and education programs. Each State develops its own minimum standards for licensing early childhood programs. Child care licensing agencies can provide information specific to local requirements and regulations.

- The National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care has the full text of all State child care licensing regulations on their Web site at <http://nrc.uchsc.edu/STATES/states.htm>.
- A directory of all State child care licensing agencies is available on the NCCIC Web site at <http://nccic.org/statedata/dirs/regoffic.html>. Some State child care licensing agencies provide a list of licensed child care programs on their Web sites.
- The Child Care Workforce Qualifications document in the Workforce and Professional Development section of NCCIC's Web site under Popular Topics at <http://nccic.org/poptopics/qualifications.html> includes information about State regulations on child care workforce qualifications, including educational requirements and experience.

■ A useful resource for information about child care in an individual community is a child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agency. To find a resource and referral agency in a particular community, call Child Care Aware at 800-424-2246. They will locate an agency within a given county for you. Additional information about Child Care Aware is available on the Web at <http://www.childcareaware.org>.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS and RESOURCES

The following are a sample of national organizations and resources with information about employment opportunities in the early childhood education field, including teaching young

children. Additional early childhood education organizations may also have employment opportunities posted on their Web site. Information about additional organizations is available on the NCCIC Web site in the Internet Links section at <http://nccic.org/links.html>.

The *Child Care Information Exchange* (CCIE) is a bi-monthly magazine for administrators of early childhood programs. CCIE's mission with the *Employment Opportunities Exchange* is to bring together early childhood employers seeking qualified applicants and job seekers looking for rewarding career positions in the child care field. Information about employment opportunities throughout the country is available on the Web at <http://mail.ccie.com/jobs/index.php?action=list>. Additional information about CCIE is available on the Web at <http://www.ccie.com>. For additional information, contact CCIE at 425-883-9394.

■ The Finance Project is a nonprofit policy research, technical assistance, and information organization created to help improve outcomes for children, families, and communities nationwide. Its mission is to support decision-making that produces and sustains good results by developing and disseminating information, knowledge, tools and technical assistance for improved policies, programs, and financing strategies. The Finance Project's work is concentrated in several areas, including: financing issues and strategies related to education, family and children's services, and community building and development; results-based planning, budgeting, management and accountability; community supports and services that reach across categorical boundaries and the public and private sectors to effectively link health care, education, family support, income security and economic development; improved governance and collaborative decision-making; and planning and implementation of comprehensive welfare and workforce development reforms. The Finance Project's Web site, <http://www.financeproject.org/jobs.htm>, lists current job openings, including school-age careers. Additional information is available from The Finance Project at 202-628-4205 or on the Web at <http://www.financeproject.org>.

■ The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is the nation's largest organization of early childhood educators and others dedicated to improving the quality of programs for children from birth through 3rd grade. NAEYC's Early Childhood Career Forum is designed to assist those seeking careers in early childhood make contact with the employers who have positions available. All career opportunities offered through all types of early childhood programs may be posted by any employer. Available positions can be searched free of charge by NAEYC members only. Additional information is available on the Web at <http://www.naeyc.org/profdev/ecforum.htm>. Additional information about NAEYC is available by contacting NAEYC at 800-424-2460 or on the Web at <http://www.naeyc.org>.

■ The National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) is the national network of community-based CCR&Rs. NACCRRA provides professional opportunities on its Web site, listing recent openings in the CCR&R and early childhood education field from around the country. This information is on the Web at <http://www.naccrra.org/careers>. Additional information about NACCRRA is available by contacting NACCRRA at 202-393-5501 or on the Web at <http://www.naccrra.org>.

■ The National Community Education Association (NCEA) is a nonprofit membership

association whose mission is to provide leadership to those who build learning communities in response to individual and community needs. It does this by providing its members with national and regional training conferences and workshops; specialized periodicals, publications, and products; opportunities for peer support and networking; and information and referral services. In addition, it acts as an advocate for community education by working with related organizations and promoting at the national, State, and local levels: parent and community involvement in public education; the formation of community partnerships to address community needs; and the expansion of lifelong learning opportunities for all community residents. NCEA has information about available career opportunities at community education organizations nationwide at <http://www.ncea.com/jobinfo>. Additional information about NCEA is available at 703-359-8973 or on the Web at <http://www.ncea.com>.

■ *Guide to Careers in Child and Family Policy*, by the Institute of Government and Public Affairs, centralizes information about training and job opportunities in child and family policy careers across many different settings and experience levels. This information is available on the Web at <http://www.igpa.uillinois.edu/CFP/brSeek/homesearch.htm>. For additional information, contact Careers in Child and Family Policy, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, Chicago, Illinois at 312-413-0295.

Additional Resources

■ The Careers in Early Childhood Education document in the Workforce and Professional Development section of NCCIC's Web site under Popular Topics at <http://nccic.org/poptopics/careers.html> includes information about exploring the range of career opportunities in early childhood education.

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