

Additional Information

Need some help in your child care search? Here are additional resources.

Find Child Care Oregon/211

www.211info.org/get-help/child-care-parenting

This resource provides information about licensed and registered child care providers with links to compliance and safety reports.

Quality Care Connections

www.lanecounty.edu/community/resources-community/quality-care-connections/finding-quality-child-care

Quality Care Connections is Lane County's Child Care Resource and Referral Agency. Learn about child care options, quality indicators, financial assistance programs, and search tools to support your child care search. QCC staff are available to help you navigate these resources.

The Oregon Department of Learning and Care Child Care Safety Portal

www.oregon.gov/delc/families/pages/child-care-safety.aspx

The Child Care Safety Portal is a resource for parents and families to check on the safety and quality of licensed child care programs in Oregon. The Portal lets you search for a child care provider and view their licensing history.

MORE LINKS & DETAILS HERE:



www.siuslawvision.org/childcare

Careers in Child Care

Interested in working in the Child Care and Early Education field? Contact Quality Care Connections to get started. Quality Care Connections offers a wonderful opportunity to learn how to set up your home as a Child Care Business. This is a straightforward way to determine if this in-home business venture can work for you, especially if you have young children. You will learn how to run your own business at your home with friends for your children.

Ready to work in an existing child care center? Talented individuals are often needed to support our children as directors, teachers, aides, and substitutes. Reach out to the centers listed here, or email childcare@siuslawvision.org for connections.

Supporting Child Care Siuslaw Child Care Working Group

siuslawvision.org/childcare
Currently coordinated by Siuslaw Vision and the City of Florence, the Child Care Working Group creates a space in which providers, partners and community members are able to converse, provide resources, and brainstorm new ideas to improve the child care industry in the Siuslaw region.

Group members include representatives from: Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, Quality Care Connections, Onward Eugene, Bright Beginnings Preschool, EC Cares, First Step Florence, Siuslaw Family Connection, Oregon Department of Human Services, Head Start of Lane County, licensed in-home providers, and local parent and community representatives. We welcome additional members!



Siuslaw Childcare Friends

childcarefriends.org • info@childcarefriends.org

Siuslaw Childcare Friends' goal is to lift up and support working families and their children by providing safe, reliable, and affordable child care and early learning opportunities in the Siuslaw Region.



SCF manages the Elm Park Early Learning Center facility, which has four classrooms: two occupied by Head Start of Lane County, and two occupied by a community provider, Stepping Stones. SCF also supports those working in child care by recognizing and offering incentives for early educators who complete professional development programs.

Siuslaw Vision

Building a better Siuslaw community together!
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Siuslaw Vision is a nonprofit organization supporting our region's community-led Vision. We are a grassroots effort that includes broad interests identified by local people, including child care. As part of its Educated and Working People focus areas, Siuslaw Vision works with other community partners to support local child care providers through the Siuslaw Child Care Working Group.



CHILD CARE IN THE SIUSLAW REGION



FINDING SAFE, QUALITY CARE FOR YOUR FAMILY

One of the most important decisions your family will ever make is choosing child care.

This information is adapted from **Finding Quality Child Care: A Guide for Oregon's Families**. Find a link to the full guide at siuslawvision.org/childcare.

- 1. Understand your options** – Review what's available in our region. This pamphlet will get you started!
- 2. Visit and ask questions** – Contact the providers and ask when you and your child can meet them and see the facility.
- 3. Take a closer look** – Consider whether the program meets your family's needs, research Spark and the Child Safety Portal.
- 4. Choose a program** – Stay involved and communicate with your provider often.

In Oregon, child care programs include home-based providers (registered or certified), child care centers, and programs that are license-exempt recorded. Recorded providers are approved by the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care, meet basic safety requirements, and may accept state child care assistance.

LICENSED & REGISTERED PROVIDERS

The Siuslaw region offers several high-quality care options for families. Each program is unique, just like the families in our region. This guide can help you get started. Please verify information with the provider

Breanna Allen

Florence (home based)
(541) 999-4855

Regulation: Registered Family Child Care
License ID: RF539980

Capacity: 10
Ages Served: 4 Years–14 Years
Hours: Monday–Friday 8am–5pm



Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool

Mattie Maldonado
2100 Spruce St, Florence
(541) 590-8010

bbcpreschool.wordpress.com
Regulation: Licensed Child Care Center
License ID: CC502044
Capacity: 40

Ages Served: 3 Years–12 Years
Hours: Monday–Thursday: 7:45am–4:15pm
Friday: 7:45am–12:00pm



Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool has been proudly serving families in Florence since 2008. As a nonprofit, certified child care center, we are committed to providing high-quality early learning in a nurturing, faith-based environment. Our experienced staff are certified and hold Early Childhood Education (ECE) credentials, ensuring children receive developmentally appropriate care and instruction. With a SPARK Star 3 quality rating, flexible scheduling options, and a convenient central location, we strive to support working families while helping children grow academically, socially, and spiritually. Visit us online to learn more.

Head Start of Lane County - Florence

2325 Oak St, Florence
(541) 747-2425
www.hsolc.org

Program Type Offers: Head Start
Regulation: Licensed Child Care Center
License ID: CC503052

Capacity: 18
Ages Served: 18 Months–5 Years
Hours: Monday–Thursday: 8am–3:30pm



Little Blue Birds In Home Daycare

Amber Harris
Florence
(541) 999-6216

Regulation: Registered Family Child Care
License ID: RF537458
Capacity: 10

Ages Served: 6 Months–12 Years
Hours: Monday–Thursday 7:30am–5:30pm



Mapleton Community Preschool

Superintendent: Sue Wilson
10870 E Mapleton Rd, Mapleton
(541) 248-4471
mapleton.k12.or.us

Program Type Offers: Preschool Promise, Preschool
Regulation: Recorded Agency
License ID: RA4613

Capacity: 18
Ages Served: 3 Years–5 Years
Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:15am–2:45pm

We provide an early learning environment that adapts to student needs and interests, building skills, mindsets, and agency that breed success. We believe children learn by hand, through doing, and that the adult role is to “help me do it myself.” Play and nature-based learning are central to our learning. We put decision-making power in the hands of children and their families, giving them ownership of their education.



Stepping Stones Center for Early Learning

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Elm Park Center, Florence
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steppingstones.florence@gmail.com
steppingstonescenterforearlylearning.my.canva.site



Program Type Offers: Preschool, School Age Before & After Care
Regulation: Registered Family Child Care
License ID: RF535160
Capacity: 10

Ages Served: 2 Months–10 Years
Hours: Monday–Friday: 7:30am–5:30pm

A nurturing early learning community where curiosity, creativity, and confidence grow — one step at a time. At Stepping Stones, the early years are made up of meaningful steps that shape a child’s future. Our thoughtfully designed, warm and developmentally rich learning environment serves children from infants through preschool. Children are invited to learn through hands-on discovery, purposeful play, carefully selected materials, thoughtfully planned learning experiences, and nurturing relationships. Our program fosters curiosity, creativity, social and emotional development, and independence while supporting whole-child development and strong developmental foundations in the early years.

We believe children grow best within caring relationships, which is why family partnership, honoring each child’s voice, and meeting children where they are is at the heart of our program. Our educators bring training and experience in early childhood education and are committed to ongoing professional learning, creating nurturing and responsive learning environments grounded in developmentally appropriate practice.



Wildflower Montessori School

Kristen Christensen
4465 Highway 101, Florence
(541) 991-2224

www.wildflowermontessori.com
Program Type Offers: Preschool
Regulation: Recorded Preschool Program
License ID: PS600977
Capacity: 30
Ages Served: 3 Years–6 Years
Hours: Monday–Thursday: 8am–4:30pm



Our mission at Wildflower Montessori School is to use the Montessori Method to create an environment that nurtures the individuality of each child to develop a lifetime love of learning. We accomplish this by giving students the opportunity to explore, discover and learn through their senses in a carefully prepared environment. This environment is customized by trained teachers to fit the unique needs, abilities, interests and learning styles of its students. The students take the lead in their learning and the teachers’ job is to support, nurture, guide and encourage them in their process.

A traditional Montessori classroom is divided into 5 areas of study: Practical Life, Sensorial, Math, Language, and Cultural Studies. Students progress at their own pace. Once a child has “mastered” an item of “work” they are encouraged to help teach a younger classmate. This helps to deepen their understanding, build their confidence and develop leadership and social skills.