Child Care Resources in Bowling Green

This resource is intended to assist current and prospective students in considering child care options in Bowling Green. We have put together information about child care services and programs and options for government assistance for child care as an initial guide for parents.

We have compiled information from local licensed child care services and programs and various websites as a way to inform prospective or current students about some childcare options. This resource is in no way intended to recommend or endorse any child care services in Bowling Green. Moreover, the list of child care services and programs provided here is not exhaustive. No assessment of the quality of childcare services or programs has been made. Rather, we have compiled this information in one place as a possible starting point for parents who are new to Bowling Green.

We have also provided information to guide students who might wish to seek government assistance for child care in Wood County. Information is also provided regarding Lucas County, although it should be noted that assistance provided by Lucas County can only be utilized with child care providers within Lucas County. Graduate students who receive stipends through paid assistantships are eligible for child care assistance. Graduate students who do not receive a stipend do not qualify. We hope that you will find this information to be useful in your search.
The following is a list of a number of the licensed childcare providers in Bowling Green. These services provide preschool, daycare, and before/after care services. Some offer transportation to and from school for school-age children. For the full list of licensed child care providers in Bowling Green, check the list provided on the ODJFS website:

http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/cdc/results1.asp

**All About the Kids Learning Center**

**Phone:** 419-353-3898  
**Address:** 520 Ordway Avenue, Bowling Green, OH 43402  
**Website:** [http://www.allaboutthekids.us/](http://www.allaboutthekids.us/)  
**Service:** Preschool and child care

**Ages:** Infants – 12 years old (13 years old in the summer)  
**Time:**  
  - *Preschool:* 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM  
  - *Child Care:* 6:30 AM – 5:30 PM  
**Class Size:** Varies  
**Fees:**  
  - *Infant:* $170 weekly  
  - *Toddler:* $150 weekly  
  - *Preschooler:* $125 weekly  
  - *School Age:* Before + After Care: $85 weekly  
  - Before or After Care: $42.50 weekly  
  - Summer: $125 weekly  
  - $150 one time enrollment fee  
**Schedule:** Year-round

**Information:**

“Our goal is to teach the children to learn from each other, become independent, self-determined, and self-confident, and to interact with their peers. We encourage the children to have fun while learning and to be themselves.”
BGSU Child Development Lab

Phone: 419-353-7407
Address: 812 N. College Drive, Bowling Green, OH 43402
Website: https://www.bgsu.edu/education-and-human-development/centers-institutes-labs/child-development-lab.html
Service: Preschool – Laboratory setting

Ages: 3 – 5 years old
Time: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
   Summer: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM – Mon-Thurs
Class Size: Up to 24 students, 5:1 Child to staff ratio
Fees:
   Full day: $2000 per semester
   Half day: $1000 per semester
   Summer: $350 per summer session (two sessions offered)
   $30 enrollment fee
Schedule: University calendar

Information:
“In keeping with the work of child development experts Jean Piaget and Lev Vygotsky, we believe children learn primarily through play and exploration of their environment while engaging in relationships with peers and caring adults. Our program is based on an open classroom approach with space organized into learning areas. There is a regular daily schedule with a variety of activities planned and available during each session. The expectation is that each child will be actively and productively engaged in a variety of experiences which will further his/her development socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually.”

“Children generally select their own tasks to pursue, either individually or in small groups and direct their own learning through a variety of active or quiet activities. Teachers spend time observing the classroom and plan open-ended activities based on their interactions with the children and their observations of the class’ interests and developmental needs. Open ended activities provide success for each child at any developmental level. Successful experiences promote self-confidence and reinforce children to continue to actively explore, act on and interact with their environment.”
Discovery Kingdom

Phone: 419-728-7014  
Address: 1069 Klotz Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402  
Website: http://www.heritagecorner.com/discovery-kingdom/  
Service: Preschool and child care

Ages: 6 weeks – 12 years old

Time:

Preschool: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
Child Care: 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM  
Part Time: Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Tuesday, Thursday

Class Size:

Preschool: 36  
Before/After Care: 16-18

Fees:

Preschool: $34 daily  
Before and After Care: $19 daily  
Before or After Care: $14 daily

Schedule: Year-round

Information:

“Innovative child care for children 6 weeks to 12 years old, with learning opportunities in the following areas: Music, Swim, Foreign Language, Manners and Etiquette, Writing, Reading, Playground, Kindergarten Readiness. Discovery Kingdom also features secured entry with webcam access and parent conveniences including take-home meals and an on-site coffee shop.”
**Dunn’s Kiddie Kare**

**Phone:** 419-353-1737  
**Address:** 215 Gorrell Avenue, Bowling Green, OH 43402  
**Website:** Not currently available  
**Service:** Preschool and child care

**Ages:** 3 years old – 5th grade  
**Time:**  
*Preschool:* 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
*Childcare:* 6:30 AM – 5:30 PM

**Class Size:** Varies

**Fees:**  
*Full time:* $120 weekly  
*Part time:* $30 a day  
*Half day:* $18 a day

**Schedule:** Year-round

**Information:**  
Dunn’s Kiddie Kare offers children a wide variety of daily activities to keep children engaged throughout the day. Preschoolers will spend the morning learning in structured class time, and then get a rest and play period in the afternoon. During the summer, the children’s days are less structured. There is a greater focus on outdoor play, with small on-site pools for the children to play in.
First United Methodist (FUM) Child Learning Center

Phone: 419-352-3612  
Address: 1526 E. Wooster Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402  
Website: http://www.fumcbg.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=65&Itemid=13

Service: Preschool and child care provided through First United Methodist Church

Ages: 2 years old – 4th grade

Time:

Preschool: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Childcare: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Class Size: Space for up to 85 children

Fees:

Toddlers: Part time: $100 weekly  Full time: $140 weekly  
Preschool: Part time: $95 weekly  Full time: $135 weekly  
School-age: Full time: $80 weekly

10% discount with multiple children enrolled

Schedule: Year-round

Information:

“Our mission is to prepare children for lifelong success by providing a high-quality, Christian childcare experience in a safe, nurturing environment that is positive for children and families.”

“We also participate in the Step up To Quality program, which is a voluntary quality rating system offered by the state of Ohio. FUM Child Learning Center has achieved the third star in the five star program. This means that our program goes beyond the state minimum licensing standards to ensure your child receives the highest quality care possible. We maintain lower staff/child ratios, our teachers receive specialized training throughout the year, and we follow an approved curriculum and assessment process to improve your child’s education. Our curriculum is aligned with the state’s Early Learning and Development Standards.”
Plan Do and Talk Preschool

Phone: 419-352-5039  
Address: 115 E. Oak Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402  
Website: http://www.plandotalk.org/programs.html  
Service: Preschool and child care

Ages: 2 – 12 years old

Time:

    Preschool: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
    Childcare: 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Class Size:

    Preschool: Up to 25 children  
    K-3: Up to 16 children

Fees:

    Preschool: $135 weekly  
    K-3: $50 weekly

Schedule: Year-round – academic calendar

    Offer weekly camps in the summer

Information:

“Plan, Do and Talk is dedicated to providing superior learning experiences for children that will support and contribute to the success and well-being of children and families. Our staff accepts children and families as unique individuals. Therefore, expectations about what children can do are tailored to each child's capabilities. Because individuality and inventive ideal are promoted at Plan, Do and Talk, children are given the freedom to explore without experiencing failure. As a result, children who attend Plan, Do and Talk become life-time learners who develop self-confidence and strong decision-making skills.”
Tender Age Daycare Center and Preschool

Phone: 419-352-2506  
Address: 1249 Ridgewood Drive Bowling Green, OH 43402  
Website: [http://tenderagedaycare.weebly.com/](http://tenderagedaycare.weebly.com/) (site down)  
Service: Preschool and child care

Ages: 6 weeks – 12 years old

Time:  
- **Preschool**: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
- **Childcare**: 6:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Class Size:  
- **Preschool**: 12:1 Child to staff ratio – Classes typically up to 24 children  
- **School Age**: 18:1 Child to staff ratio – Typically up to 36 children

Fees:  
- **Infant**: $168 weekly  
- **Toddler**: $157 weekly  
- **Preschool**: $135 weekly  
- **School Age**: Before and After Care: $70 weekly  
  Before or After Care: $40 weekly  
  Summer: $135 weekly

Schedule: Year-round

Information:  
“Tender Age Daycare and Preschool has been offering care for children for over 18 years. We are a family owned and operated facility that offers child care services to parents from a friendly staff that you can count on. We are a state licensed and secured facility, so be rest assured that your child will always be in good hands.”  

“Our goal is to prepare kids for kindergarten and beyond. All of our teachers are licensed and have a degree in child education in order to help your child succeed.”
Wonderland of Learning Infant and Childcare

Phone: 419-354-9500
Address: 1235 Ridgewood Drive Bowling Green, OH 43402
Website: No website
Service: Preschool and childcare

Ages: 6 weeks - Kindergarten
Time: 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM
   Preschool curriculum mixed in throughout the day
Class Size: Varies
Fees:
   Infant: $173
   Pre-K: $135
   Kindergarten: $75
   Summer: Infant: $173
          Pre-K and Kindergarten: $135
Schedule: Year-round

Information:
“Young children learn by doing, therefore, it is essential to provide a developmentally appropriate environment that encourages independent thinking, promotes communication and social interactions, and develop gross and fine motor skills. Learning results from children thinking about their experiences. Play is the natural and self-generated experiences in which young children engage. Through play, children gain cognitive and language skills as well as self-confidence and problem-solving skills necessary to interact with peers and with adults and to continue to explore their environment in years to come.”
Wonderland of Learning School Age Center

Phone: 419-354-8160
Address: 1221 Ridgewood Drive, Bowling Green, OH 43402
Website: http://www.wonderlandoflearning.com/
Service: Before and After School Program

Ages: 1st - 5th grade

Time:

Before Care: 6:30 AM – 9:00 AM
After Care: 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Class Size: Varies

Fees:

Full Time: $70 weekly
Part Time: $58 weekly
Summer: Full Time: $120 weekly
Part Time: $83 weekly

Schedule: School year
- Summer services available as well

Information:

“The Wonderland of Learning School Age Center is a before and after school program designed to encourage your child’s everyday thinking, nurture their sensitive needs, and allow them to interact with their peers in a controlled, safe setting.”

“Young children learn by doing, therefore, it is essential to provide a developmentally appropriate environment that encourages independent thinking, promotes communication and social interactions, and develop gross and fine motor skills. Learning results from children thinking about their experiences. Play is the natural and self-generated experiences in which young children engage. Through play, children gain cognitive and language skills as well as self-confidence and problem-solving skills necessary to interact with peers and with adults and to continue to explore their environment in years to come.”
Graduate students who receive stipends through paid assistantships are eligible for child care assistance. Graduate students who do not receive a stipend do not qualify.

For students who may have difficulty affording childcare, you may be eligible to apply for child care benefits through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). To meet requirements for initial eligibility, gross family income must be at or below 130% of the Federal Poverty Guideline based on family size. An application must be filled out, and sent to the Wood County Department of Job and Family Services.

Many of the childcare providers in town recognize ODJFS payment assistance. When researching childcare providers, be sure to ask whether the provider accepts ODJFS benefits.

Wood County Department of Job and Family Services (WCDJFS) Child Care Site:

ODJFS Child Care Benefits Application:
http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/file.asp?id=121&type=application/pdf

ODJFS Publicly Funded Child Care Eligibility Chart (as of 10/01/2016):
http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/docs/2016FPLChart.stm

ODJFS Publicly Funded Child Care Copayment Calculation Table (as of 10/01/2016):
http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/docs/Copayment2016.stm
Graduate students who receive stipends through paid assistantships are eligible for child care assistance. Graduate students who do not receive a stipend do not qualify.

Some of our students choose to live in nearby Lucas County. To be eligible for child care benefits within Lucas County, gross family income cannot exceed 125% of the Federal Poverty Guideline based on family size. These benefits may only be used for licensed childcare providers within Lucas County. An application must be filled out, and sent to the Lucas County Department of Job and Family Services.

Lucas County Department of Job and Family Services (LCDJFS) Child Care Site:

ODJFS List of Licensed Childcare Providers in Lucas County:
http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/cdc/results1.asp