

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.

Licensed Child Care Providers in Bowling Green

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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/>

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 of 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/> (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.”

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Child Care Assistance in Bowling Green and Wood County

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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:

http://www.woodcountyjfs.com/SocServ_childcare.html

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>

Child Care Assistance in Lucas County

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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:

<http://co.lucas.oh.us/index.aspx?nid=902>

ODJFS List of Licensed Childcare Providers in Lucas County:

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