

# Parent's Tips for Using Great Start CONNECT

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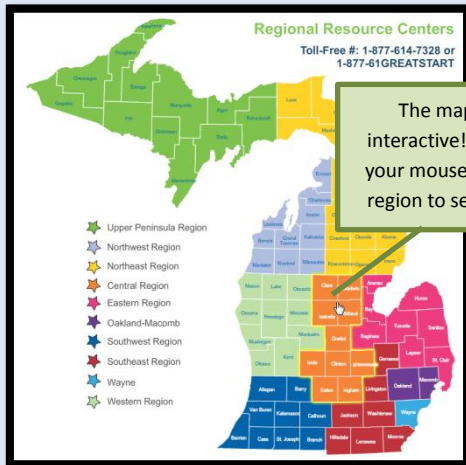
[www.greatstartconnect.org](http://www.greatstartconnect.org)

Click the first tab titled "CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL".



## Finding a Child Care Provider:

The Child Care & Preschool tab has an interactive map providing access to the 10 regions within Michigan. To begin the process of locating a provider, select one of the regions shown.

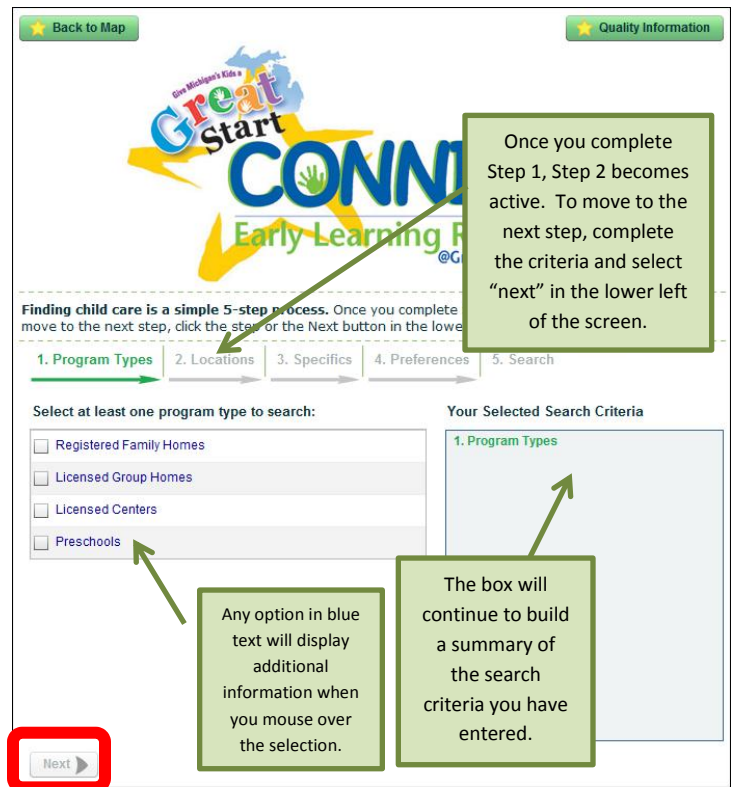


The map is interactive! Hover your mouse over a region to select it.

**Important Note:** All providers on the Great Start CONNECT database are licensed or registered in the State of Michigan. The ECIC (Early Childhood Investment Corp.) and Child Care Network do not endorse or recommend any particular provider. Only you can determine whether the quality of care is appropriate for your child. We encourage you to visit several providers to determine what is best for your family.

## Five Step Process to find a Child Care Provider:

This page has been designed to help you find quality child care in 5 easy steps.



The next page explains these 5 steps in more detail.



If you need assistance you're your Provider profile, please phone (877) 61GREATSTART or (877) 614-7328

## Step 1 – Program Type:

- Select at least one program type to search
- Any option in blue text will display additional information when you mouse over the selection.

Select at least one program type to search:

Registered Family Homes

Licensed Group Homes

Licensed Centers

Preschools

Full and/or half-day educational programs for 3 and 4 year old children—including Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs.

## Step 2 – Location:

- The select locations criteria section is divided into two tabs.
- You can choose to search either by “Cities” or “Zips”.
- You can also search using BOTH Cities and Zips.
- If you select BOTH Cities and Zips the system will search the entire city, not just the zip codes within the city.

Select location(s) to search:

*Note: Selecting more than one location type like city and zip, the system will search the entire city, not just the zip codes within the city.*

Regular search  Mile search

Quick find:

Middleton

Midland

Morrice

Mount Pleasant

Mulliken

Nashville

## Step 3 – Specifics:

- This section is optional.
- Here you can add specific details about the care needed such as the age of the children, and the times and days that care is required.
- Time – be sure to select the correct AM or PM option.
- Time – a red box around the time indicates the incorrect format was used, e.g. military time.
- Days – select the number of days that care will be required.

## Step 4 – Preferences:



The more criteria you add the more detailed your list will be. To generate a larger list, you may need to choose fewer criterinns.

- This section is optional.
- After you have entered all your search criteria select NEXT in the lower left of the screen

Select preferences to search (optional):

*Note: The first Preferences folder is open and lists items that you can check to further customize your search. When you click on another Preferences folder, the folder that is currently open will close.*

Non-Traditional Care Hours

2nd (Evening)

3rd (Overnight)

24 Hour

Preschool Only Part/Full day

Before/After School Only

Schedule Type

Special Schedules

Accreditation

Special Needs Experience

Environment

Meals Provided

Programs

## Step 5 – Search:

- As you’ve moved through Steps 1 to 4 your selected search criteria has been building in the display box on the right.
- When Step 5, the final step, is selected the results of your search criteria will be display, as shown below.

Finding child care is a simple 5-step process. Once you complete Step 1, Step 2 becomes active. To move to the next step, click the step or the Next button in the lower left of the screen. **Search by name**

1. Program Types 2. Locations 3. Specifics 4. Preferences 5. Search


Your search returned 1 results matching of your selected "Preferences"

If you have a very small result list you can click the "Match ANY" button to return results for any of your preferences.

1 total programs found.

*Note: To view more information on any program, click the program to select it, then click a view button. To sort the display order of a column, click the column heading.*

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	Name	Address	City	ZIP	Telephone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	 CMU Child Development & Learning Lab	146 EHS Building	Mount Pleasant	48859	(989) 774-3760

Click to view pictures of the Provider's facility.

Click to view State Licensing Reports on this Provider.

Click here to see detailed information about a provider, or check multiple providers to see information about all the selected providers in one report. Check the box(es) and then select either "view profiles" or "view summaries" listed above.