



CONNECT Resource Center
At Central Michigan University



How to Find a Child Care Provider

www.greatstartconnect.org

Installing Adobe Flash Player

Great Start CONNECT uses Adobe Flash technology. If you do not already have Adobe Flash Player installed on your computer you must install it to view the contents of the Great Start CONNECT website.

This is a **FREE** install and available from the following website address.

<http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>



The screenshot shows the Adobe Flash Player download page. At the top, there is a navigation breadcrumb: "Home / Downloads / Adobe Flash Player /". Below this is the title "Adobe Flash Player". On the left, there is a red square icon with a white stylized 'f' logo. To the right of the icon, the text reads "Adobe Flash Player 10.2.152.26 (2.70 MB)". Below this, it says "Your system: Windows, English" and "Different operating system or browser?". There are three links: "Learn more", "System requirements", and "Distribute Flash Player". A prominent yellow button with a downward arrow and the text "Download now" is centered. At the bottom, a warning states: "You may have to temporarily disable your antivirus software. By clicking the Download Now button, you acknowledge you have read and agree to the Software Licensing Agreement".

Simply click the **Download Now** button and follow the on screen prompts.

Great Start CONNECT

The Great Start System recognizes that early childhood experiences are most profound in five key areas:



Log In to Great Start Connect

To access the Great Start CONNECT website please type the following address in your browser:

www.greatstartconnect.org



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Great Start CONNECT website. The header is blue with the Great Start CONNECT logo on the left, which includes the text "Great Start CONNECT Early Learning Resources" and the website address "@GreatStartForKids.org". To the right of the logo is the tagline "Your Destination for Child Care & Preschool Resources" and the slogan "Together we can give every child in Michigan a Great Start!". Below the header is a navigation bar with five green buttons: "CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL", "LOCAL SUPPORT", "TRAINING", "LEARN MORE", and "LOG IN". Each button has a corresponding text block below it. The "CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL" block includes the text "Find child care and preschool providers that can best meet the needs of your family." and a circular image of a young girl. The "LOCAL SUPPORT" block includes the text "Use this interactive map to locate resources in your community that offer support to you and young children in your care." and a circular image of a young girl. The "TRAINING" block includes the text "Register here for training opportunities, including Great Start to Quality Orientation Trainings." and a circular image of a young girl. The "LEARN MORE" block includes the text "Learn more about quality child care and preschool learning environments." and a circular image of a young girl. The "LOG IN" block includes the text "Licensed Provider Portal Log in to Great Start CONNECT." and a circular image of a young girl. In the bottom right corner of the page is the Great Start logo.

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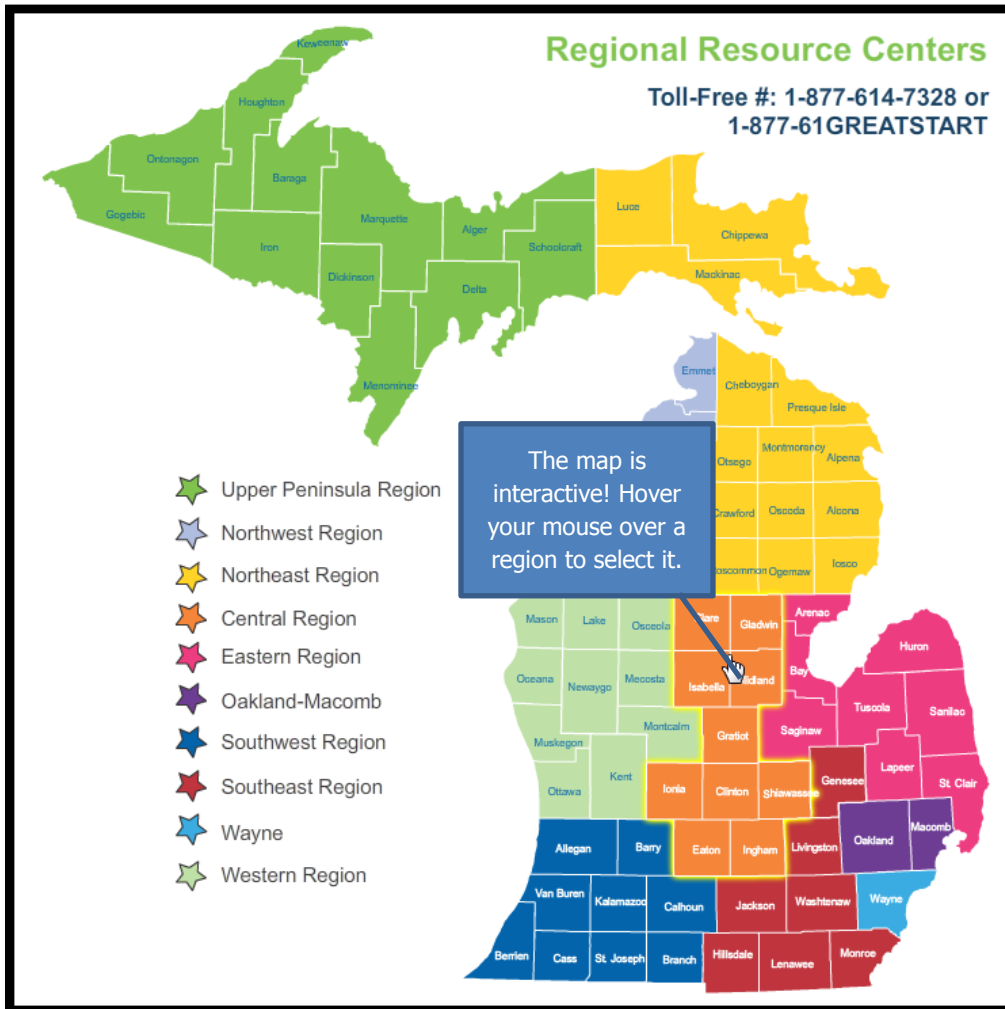
Great Start CONNECT Web Site

Welcome to Great Start CONNECT – your online connection to early learning resources in Michigan. The website is divided into 5 tabs. They are:

- **Child Care & Preschool**: This option is typically used by parents and care givers to find child care and preschool providers within the State of Michigan that best meet the needs for your family.
- **Local Support**: This option provides an interactive map to locate resources in your community that offer support to parents and care givers for young children in their care.
- **Training**: Parents and Care Givers can register here for training opportunities, including Great Start Orientation training.
- **Learn More**: Here parents and care givers can learn more about quality child care and preschool learning environments.
- **Log In**: This is the Great Start CONNECT log in portal for licensed Providers.



FINDING CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL LOCATIONS



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.

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.

5-Step Process to Finding Child Care

The screenshot displays the 'Great Start CONNECT' logo with the tagline 'Early Learning Resource'. At the top, there are two buttons: 'Back to Map' and 'Quality Information'. Below the logo, a progress bar shows five steps: '1. Program Types', '2. Locations', '3. Specifics', '4. Preferences', and '5. Search'. The first step, '1. Program Types', is highlighted with a green arrow. Below the progress bar, there are two sections: 'Select at least one program type to search:' and 'Your Selected Search Criteria'. The first section contains a list of program types with checkboxes: 'Registered Family Homes', 'Licensed Group Homes', 'Licensed Centers', and 'Preschools'. The second section, 'Your Selected Search Criteria', currently shows '1. Program Types'. At the bottom left, a 'Next' button with a right-pointing arrow is highlighted with a red box.

Once you complete Step 1, Step 2 becomes active. To move to the next step, complete the criteria and select "next" in the lower left of the screen.

Any option in blue text will display additional information when you mouse over the selection.

The box will continue to build a summary of the search criteria you have entered.

Step 1: Program Types

- 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:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Registered Family Homes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Licensed Group Homes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Licensed Centers
<input type="checkbox"/>	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: Locations

- 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.

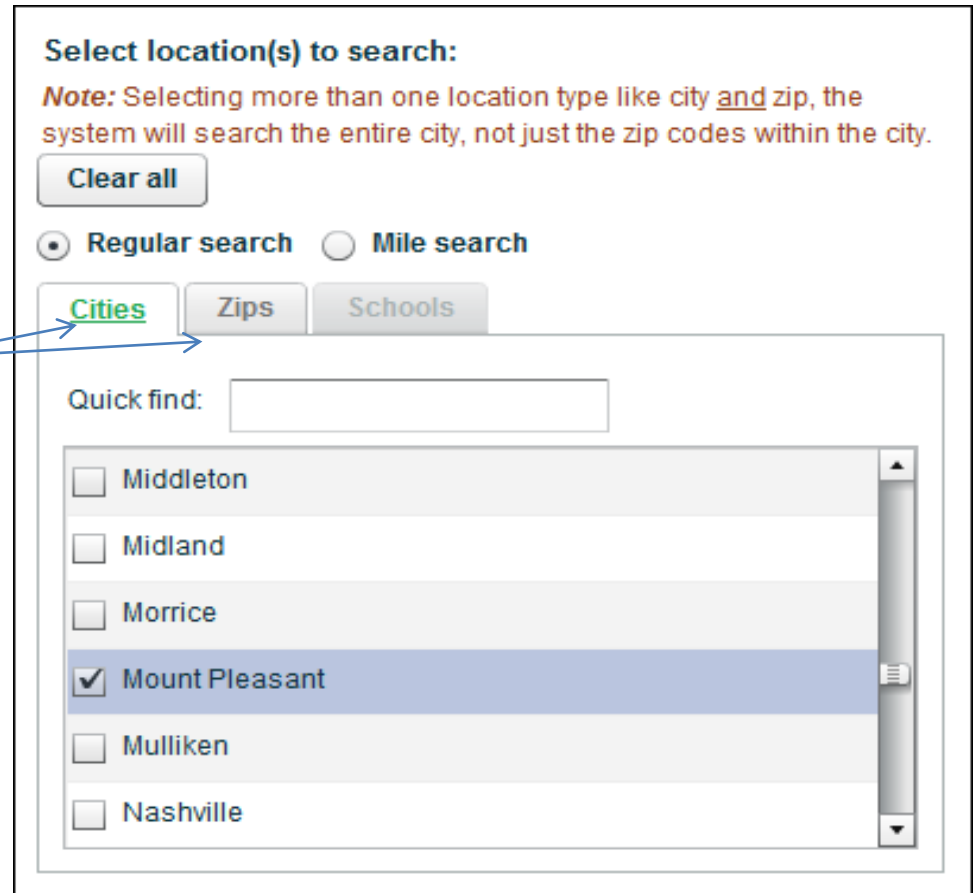
Select location(s) to search:

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:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Middleton
<input type="checkbox"/>	Midland
<input type="checkbox"/>	Morrice
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mount Pleasant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mulliken
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.

Enter your specific care needs (optional):

Age of youngest child ▾

Age of oldest child ▾

Note: Times and days work together; if you want to search using times, also select days.

Drop off time ▾

Pick up

Days needed

Monday

Tuesday

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Step 4: Preferences

- This section is optional.



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

- 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.

- 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

The preference folders all expand. The current view shows the "Non-Traditional Care Hours" folder open. When you click on another preference folder, the current folder collapses and the new selection is displayed.

Statistical Questions

- Prior to moving to Step 5 you will be presented with the Statistical Questions page.
- All information entered on this page is confidential and will help us to improve the system.
- Use the scroll bar to complete the remaining questions and then click SUBMIT at the bottom of the page to view your search results.

Statistical Questions

Thank you for using the online search system. To continue to improve this system we need to gather statistical information. Please answer the questions below to complete your search and view the results. Your individual answers will be held confidential and not shared with anyone.

Please enter your Email:*

Overall, was this Great Start Connect search system easy to use?*

Yes

Will you use it again?*

Yes

Overall Comments:

Please enter your county of residence:*

Age group:*

21 to 39 years

Highest Education Level Completed:*

GED

Families may be eligible for [Child Care Assistance from DHS](#). If you are eligible, search for form DHS-4583 on the DHS web site. *

I am not eligible.

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic/Latino?

Step 5: Search

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 ALL of your selected options. Click "Match Any" to return results for any of your selected "Preferences".

Match ANY

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 column heading to change the display order of a column, click the column heading.

	Name	Address	City	ZIP	Teley
<input type="checkbox"/>	MPPS Children's Learning Center	720 N. Kinney	Mount Pleasant	48858	(989)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fuller, Kristi K.	834 E. Pickard Road	Mount Pleasant	48858	(989)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Central Christian Academy	2445 S. Lincoln Road	Mount Pleasant	48858	(989)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Little Stars Child Care	321 Greenfield Drive	Mount Pleasant	48858	(989)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creative Beginnings Child Development Center	1222 North Dr.	Mount Pleasant	48858	(989)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Loving Arms Daycare	3797 S. Shepherd Rd.	Mount Pleasant	48858	(989)
<input type="checkbox"/>	CMU Child Development & Learning Lab	146 EHS Building	Mount Pleasant	48859	(989)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Head Start Family Center	2009 E. Preston	Mount Pleasant	48858	(989)

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Unselect all

View summaries

View profiles

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

Click here to see detailed information about a provider. Check the box and then select either "view profiles" or "view summaries" listed above.

Click to view State Licensing Reports on this Provider.

Click to view pictures of the Provider's facility.



Assistance

For assistance finding a provider within the Great Start CONNECT program please contact:

Toll Free: 1-877-614-7328

or

1-877-61GREATSTART

