

Boosting Your Child Care Vocab...

Tips, Resources & Definitions

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Tips on Finding Child Care

- [Make a plan](#)
- [Child Care Checklist](#)
- [Afterschool Checklist](#)
- [Summer Care Checklist](#)

Parent Resources

- [Child Care Calculator](#) (Staying within your budget!)
- [Key Questions](#) for Parents to Ask Child Care Providers



Nutrition & Healthy Families

- **Georgia SHAPE programs** demonstrate excellence in nutrition and physical activity measures as reported on their Quality Rated Assessments. Check out the latest [list of Georgia SHAPE programs](#).
- Ask your provider if the program participates in [Let's Move: Child Care!](#)

Child Care Definitions

Licensed/Registered – The program is regulated or registered by Georgia's licensing agency, Bright from the Start. Providers must pay an annual licensing fee.

Exempt/Exemptions to Licensure – Child care programs may be exempt from licensure based on specific criteria. Programs that meet the criteria must submit an Exemption Request Form to Bright from the Start. The request is reviewed and a determination is made based on the applicable rules and guidelines. Exemption criteria can be found on the Bright from the Start web site under [exemption rules](#). Exempt programs are not regularly monitored by Georgia's licensing agency, Bright from the Start.

Unregulated – The program is not licensed, registered or monitored by Georgia's licensing agency, Bright from the Start.

Oversight by another government organization – Instead of being registered and monitored by Bright from the Start, these programs are under the authority of another government program. For example, Head Start is overseen by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. A child care center on a military base is under the U.S. Department of Defense. A program in a school may be under the guidance of the local school system.

