Child Care Considerations

* When selecting child care, you may want to visit, look and listen, asking yourself some of the following questions:
  * Who will care for your child? What are the caregiver’s qualifications?
    * Are the adults warm, understanding, and accepting of children?
    * Do they know first-aid and emergency procedures?
    * Do they provide appealing and nutritious meals and snacks?
    * Are there enough adults to meet children’s needs?
  * Are the daily activities provided for the children appropriate for them?
    * Is it a busy, happy place?
    * Is there plenty of uncluttered space, study and play equipment, and a variety of play materials?
    * Is time given for individual attention?
  * What is the facility like?
    * Is there a place where children can play indoors and outdoors, express themselves, get along with others, and satisfy their curiosity?

One of the most important decisions a student can make concerns choosing child care.

The following guide is intended as an informational service only. It is not a guarantee about the suitability of the listed centers, nor is it a comprehensive list. We encourage you to take all the necessary steps to ensure the licensure and suitability of the center for your child.

Do you and the potential child care provider share a common approach to childcare?

* Is there an open door policy?
* Is the discipline policy, attitudes about toilet training, feed and eating patterns consistent with yours?
* Are fees and financial assistance clear?

Information from Child Care in Manhattan 10/93 and Considerations in the Child-care Decision by Dr. Mary Deluccie. Kansas State University, 1996
A "Sweet" Little Academy
Operator: Gina Sweet
Two Locations:
1107 State Street
(785) 825-8696
Ages 2.5-6
611 North 9th
(785) 827-3090
Ages 2.5—12
7:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday
Lunch and an AM/PM snack are provided
Special Features:
* Certified pre-school
* SRS/TFI certified
* NACRA child care operation
* Family oriented, small classrooms, a lot of one on one interaction with students

Heartland Child Care Partnerships
Program Coordinators:
Julie Leiker and Ingrid Pohl
700 Jupiter Ave
(785) 309-5000
julie.leiker@usd305.com and
ingrid.pohl@usd305.com
www.usd305.com/headstart
6:45 AM—5:45 PM
Monday–Friday
Ages 6 weeks—5 years old
Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided
Special Features:
* Families must meet federal income requirements or have a child or children with special needs
* Serves low income families
* Federally funded Head Start and Early Head Start

Sharing and Caring Inc.
Director: Sharon Anderes
663 S. Ninth
(785) 827-3773
skanderes@sbc.net
6:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.
Monday-Friday
Ages 2.5-5 years old
Breakfast, lunch, and snack are provided
Special Features:
* All teachers are CPR certified
* Have a food program
* Under partnership with Headstart

Little Angels Playground
Director: Glynis Jennings
200 W Key Ave
(785) 823-1448
7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday
Age 12 months-6 years old
Lunch and snacks are provided
Special Features:
* Nationally accredited program
* Learning activities included

St. Mary’s Love-N-Learn Center
Director: Olinda Power
232 East Cloud Street
(785) 827-4822
7 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday
Ages 3-6 years
Lunch and snack are provided
YMCA Child Development Center and Preschool
Director: Lori Robinson
570 YMCA Drive
(785) 825-2151
www.salinaymca.com
lorison@salinaymca.com
6:45 a.m.-5:45 p.m.
Monday-Friday
Ages 2.5 - school age (before Kindergarten)
Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack provided

Special Features:
* Weekly fee is $112.00 for a combination of childcare and preschool, plus a yearly youth membership
* Financial assistance for those that qualify
* Teachers have AA in Early Childhood Education, Child Development Credential and experience working with children
* We also provide swimming lessons and gymnastics lessons within our program

Preschools

Four Wonders Pre-Kindergarten
Director: Carolyn Larson
255 S. Seventh
(785) 825-7947 or (785) 825-8816
Classes are for ages 4-5.
9-11:30 a.m.
Monday-Friday
Children attend either two or three days a week

Angel Academy
Director: Layla Peppers
1600 Rush, at Church of the Cross United Methodist
(785) 825-5170
layla.peppers@coc-salina.org
www.coc-salina.org/angel.html
Ages 3 and 4 are offered a two day program. Ages 4 and 5 are offered a three or five day program.

Morning and afternoon blocks of time available
Monday—Friday
Snacks are provided

Special Features:
* Licensed by the state of Kansas for 40 years
* Snacks only - sugar-free zone
* 3 teachers - one with a degree in Family and Child Development from Kansas State
* We are a constructivist preschool based on the philosophies of Piaget, Vygotsky, Montessori, & Malagucci, among others.

Small World Early Learning Center
Director: Marilyn Ericson
908 E. Republic
(785) 827-9433
mjericson1@cox.net

Ages 3-4 years
9-11:30 a.m.
Monday-Friday
MWF $80/ month
T TH $60/ month

Special Features:
* State based Christian preschool
* Partial scholarship to those that qualify
* Pre-K program

Little Lambs Christian Preschool
Director: Linda Williams
111 W. Magnolia, at Christ the King Lutheran Church
(785) 827-7492
www.ctksalina.org
Ages 3-school age
8:20-10:45 a.m. and noon-2:30 p.m.
MWF with a separate class T TH at the same times
Snacks are provided

Four Seasons Preschool
Director: Linda Freeland
934 Lewis
(785) 825-2071 or (785) 827-8445
Classes for ages 3-5
9-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m.
Children attend either two or three-day sessions
Monday-Friday
Fun things to do with your kids....

In Salina, Kansas!

Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventures
Just 6 miles west of Salina, on I-70 you will find a huge variety of exotic animals and you will be able to take your children to both a museum and zoo. To learn more go to their website at: www.rollinghillswildlife.com

Jumpin’ Joe’s Family Fun Center
Lots of fun for whole family including carting, lazer tag, mini golf and lots more. For younger kids crawl, climb, run, and slide in our soft play center! Our soft play center includes a 25x30x20 mesh climbing jungle gym with two slides, a swing, ball pit, and more! For more information visit www.jumpinjoes.com

Smoky Hills River Festival
This four day festival offers a wide variety of activities for visitors to enjoy and features over 150 juried artists and craftsmen, a children’s area, unusual foods, and variety of musical groups and styles in a variety of venues. The 2015 dates will be June 11, 12, 13, & 14th. You can visit their website for more information: www.riverfestival.com/

Hickory Tree Smolan School
Visit this historic schoolhouse which features rooms decorated in old school memorabilia. Tours are available by appointment. The contact number is: (785) 668-2164

Yesteryear Museum
The Museum was created by men and women who were involved in agriculture, and wanted to preserve the spirit of the early plains settlers. Adults and children alike can appreciate items that can be felt and interacted with, aiding in the education of and overall experience with life as it was in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s. Hours of operation are Tuesday—Saturday 9 am—5 pm. The museum is just Northwest of the I-70 (Exit 252) and Ninth Street Interchange, on West Diamond Drive.

Salina Art Center
The Art Center has been recognized for its innovative exhibitions and programs, including the ARTery, a permanent interactive area for children of all ages. The Salina Art Center galleries and The ARTery are open Wednesday - Saturday 12:00 –5:00 pm and Sunday 1:00–5:00 pm. Tours can be arranged in advance by calling 785 827 1431.

Kanopolis Lake
From I-135 in Salina, take K-140 about 21 miles west to K-141. Travel approximately 9 miles south to the state park office in the Horsethief Canyon area north of the dam. Kanopolis Lake, with a normal pool surface of about 3,000 acres attracts thousands of campers, hunters, fishermen, and water sports enthusiasts each year. For more information you can call 785-546-2565.

All Star Lanes
All Star Lanes offers 24 modern lanes, automatic scoring, a full service bar, snack bar, video game area, a full service Pro shop and bumper lanes for the kids. For pricing and hours of operation visit www.allstarlanesks.com

Kamikaze Paintball Park
We are located on 122 acres with 5 fields and plans for more. The park is located at 4050 E Cunningham Rd. For further information you can call: 785-820-7064.

These activities were found on http://attractions.uptake.com/kansas/salina/family/28122285/with/p-3.html.