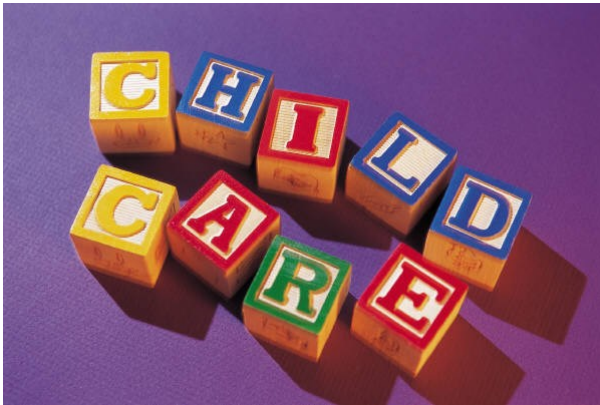


# Guide to Choosing Childcare In the Salina area

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## 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

## Martin Luther King Jr. Child Care Center

Executive director:  
 Karen Henderson  
 1215 North Santa Fe Avenue  
 (785) 827-3841  
 mlksalina@gmail.com  
 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
 Monday-Friday  
 Ages 2 weeks to 5 years  
 Breakfast, lunch, and snack are provided  
**Special Features:**

- \* United Way scholarships may be available to those that meet eligibility requirements

## Salina Child Care Center

Director: Elaine Edwards  
 1155 N Oakdale Ave Suite 100  
 (785) 827-6431  
 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
 Monday-Friday  
 Ages 2 weeks-11 years old  
 Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are provided  
**Special Features:**

- \* A summer school-age program is also offered
- \* Educational preschool opportunities are provided daily
- \* United Way scholarships are available to those that qualify

## 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  
lrobinson@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:

- \* State based Christian preschool
- \* Partial scholarship to those that qualify
- \* Pre-K program

### 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:**

- \* 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.

## 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](http://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](http://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/](http://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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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](http://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/281222285/with/p-3.html>.*

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