

# Guide to Choosing Childcare

## In McPherson, Lindsborg, and Abilene

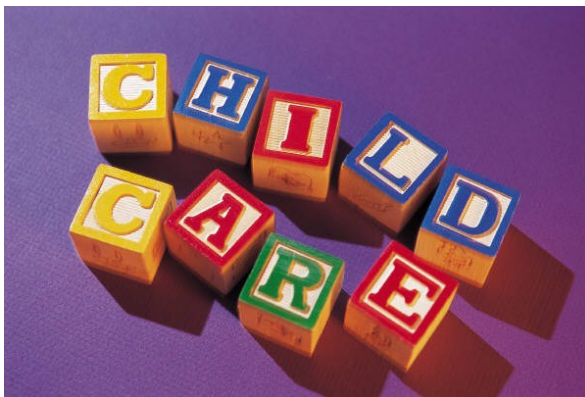
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**O**ne of the most important decisions a student can make concerns choosing child care. The following guide is intended an informational service only. It is not a guarantee about the suitability of the listed centers, nor is it a comprehensive list. We encourage you to take all the necessary steps to ensure the licensure and suitability of the center for your child.

and outdoors, express themselves, get along with others, and satisfy their curiosity?

### **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



## 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

### Abilene

#### Learn and Grow Depot Child Development Center

Director: Deb Homman  
1003 North Brady  
Abilene, KS 67410  
Phone: (785) 263-6645  
www.mhsk.org/cdintro.cfm  
dhomman@mhsk.org

Monday—Friday  
6:30 AM—6:00 PM  
Ages 6 weeks—School Aged  
Breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack are provided

#### Special Features:

- \* Early Childhood certified instructors
- \* Center-based learning



#### Saint Andrew's Preschool and Extended Learning

Director: Zita Gillispie  
301 South Buckeye  
Abilene, KS 67410  
Phone: (785) 263-2453  
www.standrewsschoolabilene.com  
zgillispie@standrewsschoolabilene.com

There are three different class schedules; T TH classes are from 8—11 am, MWF classes are from 8-11 am, and M-F classes are from 8-11 am. The students must turn 3 before Aug. 31st.

There is also a transitional Kindergarten program that is M-F with classes in the morning from 8-11 am and then afternoon Kindergarten classes for students who will be 5 years old before August 31st  
Snack will be provided for all classes and lunch will be provided for the transitional Kindergarten program

#### Special Features:

- \* Christian based preschool program
- \* Teachers are Early Childhood Education certified

### Lindsborg

#### Y's Kid Club at Soderstrom Elementary

Director: Elizabeth Spencer  
227 N Washington  
Lindsborg, KS 67456  
(785) 825-2151  
Fax: (785) 827-6050

[espencer@salinaymca.org](mailto:espencer@salinaymca.org)  
www.salinaymca.org/

Monday-Friday  
Hours are from after school—6 pm  
Full time/part time available

#### Special Features:

- \* Y's Kids Club is for children attending Soderstrom Elementary School.
- \* On non school days, the YMCA will offer all day school age child care at Trinity United Methodist Church.



**YMCA Children's Center**

Director: Amanda Franklin

308 N 3rd St  
Lindsborg, KS 67456  
Phone: (785) 227-2059  
Fax: (785) 827-6050  
Email: [lindsborgymcacc@gmail.com](mailto:lindsborgymcacc@gmail.com)

[www.salinaymca.org/childcare.htm](http://www.salinaymca.org/childcare.htm)

Monday—Friday  
7:00 AM—6:00 PM  
Ages 2 1/2—school age

The Children's Center offers full time & part time child care including preschool, as well as Before school care for school aged children.

**Special Features:**

- \* All teachers have degrees in Early Childhood, Elementary Education, or CDA's. Paraprofessionals have child education related experience.
- \* All programs have low child-teacher ratios (1 to 8)
- \* Healthy meals and snacks, gym activities and outdoor playtime, and open swimming.



**YMCA Full Day Child Care**

Director: Amanda Franklin

308 N 3rd St  
Lindsborg, KS 67456  
Phone: (785) 227-2059  
Fax: (785) 827-6050

Email: [lindsborgymcacc@gmail.com](mailto:lindsborgymcacc@gmail.com)  
[www.salinaymca.org/childcare.htm](http://www.salinaymca.org/childcare.htm)

Monday—Friday  
Ages 2.5 - school age (before Kindergarten)

Hours: 6:45 a.m.-5:45 p.m.  
Monday-Friday  
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

**McPherson**

**Sonshine Preschool**

Director: Treva Prieb  
600 East Marlin  
McPherson, KS 67428  
Phone: (620) 245-8109  
Church Phone: (620) 241-6400

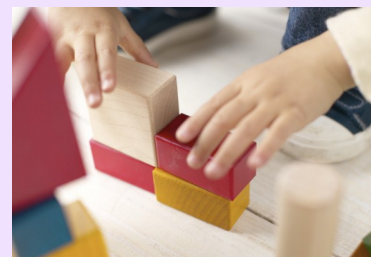
[priebtreva@yahoo.com](mailto:priebtreva@yahoo.com)  
[www.sonshine-preschool.org/](http://www.sonshine-preschool.org/)  
MWF 9:00 AM—11:30 AM

\* Pre-Kindergarten  
\* \$80/month  
MWF 12:15 PM—2:45 PM  
\* Pre-Kindergarten  
\* \$80/month

TTH 9:00 AM—11:30 AM  
\* Open to children who turn 3 by August 30th  
Healthy snack is provided

**Special Features:**

- \* Curriculum includes a variety of activities to enrich students understanding of the world
- \* Each classroom has one teacher and one assistant
- \* No more than 15 students per classroom
- \* Early Childhood Education certified





## Fun things to do with your kids....

### *In Abilene, Lindsborg, and McPherson Kansas!*



#### **Greyhound Hall of Fame**

Learn more about greyhounds at the Greyhound Hall of Fame in Abilene, the "Greyhound Capital of the World." See interesting displays of greyhounds from ancient times to the present. There are resident greyhounds who are retired racers. We are open 7 days a week, 9 to 5 daily. Admission is free and donations are welcome and appreciated in helping keep the Hall of Fame open to the public. For more information you can visit their website: [www.greyhoundhalloffame.com/](http://www.greyhoundhalloffame.com/) or call (785) 263-3000.

#### **Old Abilene Town**

Old Abilene Town features living history, from the Old Days of Wild Bill Hickok. Come out and experience a Gunfight on Main Street and see the Can Can girls dancing in the Alamo Saloon, while you kick back and enjoy an

ice cold sarsaparilla. (These shows run from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend) Visit the General Store and pick up a hand-crafted item made by a Kansas Artisan or a sheriff's badge, to show the rest of the world who's the boss. Come early and enjoy breakfast, or stay later for one of the many lunch specials that the Hitching Post Restaurant has to offer! For more information you can visit their website at: <http://oldabilenetown.net/>

#### **Dwight D. Eisenhower Library and Museum**

Located at 200 Southeast Fourth St in Abilene, KS this would be a great place to visit with your kids. There are many different types of exhibits that portray our American history. For more information you can go to their website: [www.eisenhower.archives.gov](http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov) or call (785) 263-6700.

#### **Russell Stover Candies factory and store**

Located right of I-70 at exit 270 on the west side of Abilene, Kansas. The outlet store features the entire line of Russell Stover, Whitman's and Pangburn's candies, plus seasonal close outs and "factory seconds." Workers can be watched through windows as they prepare hand-made specialties, cookies, caramel apples in the candy kitchen. If you would like more information you can call: (785) 263-3343 or visit the website at: [www.kansastravel.org/russellstover.htm](http://www.kansastravel.org/russellstover.htm)



#### **McPherson County Old Mill Museum**

The museum preserves the early heritage of McPherson County. The museum collects, preserves, researches, exhibits and interprets materials related to this heritage with special emphasis on the period from 1870 to 1910. The museum is located at 120 Mill Street in Lindsborg, KS. For further information visit their website at: [www.mcphersoncountyks.us/index.aspx?nid=20](http://www.mcphersoncountyks.us/index.aspx?nid=20)

#### **McPherson Scottish Festival**

Held the fourth week of September, the festival gates at Lakeside Park are open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Park and take the shuttle from the McPherson High School at 801 E. 1st Street. Arrive early to enjoy 16 venues of family entertainment! Experience two full days of Scottish and Celtic music, athletics, dance, heritage and traditions. To learn more you can visit their website at: [www.macfestival.org/](http://www.macfestival.org/)

*These activities were found on <http://attractions.uptake.com/kansas/>*

### **Non-Traditional and Veteran Student Services**

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We're on the Web!  
[www.k-state.edu/nontrad](http://www.k-state.edu/nontrad)

