

Type	What is it?	Pros	Cons
<b>Childcare Centers/ Programs**</b>	Care is given in a center that may be run by a church, community organization, or local business. Daycare Centers can care for six or more children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have more educational activities than home-based care</li> <li>• May better prepare children for school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May not have evening, weekend or overnight hours</li> <li>• May not be good for children that don't like large groups</li> </ul>
<b>Family Home-Based Childcare**</b>	Care is given in the provider's home. There are two types of family care: Family Day Care Providers can care for up to six children (under age 13) and Group Family Day Care Providers can care for up to 12 children (no more than four under age two).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May give care during evenings, weekends or overnight</li> <li>• May be near children's home</li> <li>• May be warm and comfortable for children</li> <li>• Good for very young children and children with special needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May have fewer educational activities</li> <li>• Staff may have less training</li> <li>• May have less staff</li> </ul>
<b>Summer Camp**</b>	Care is given during the summer at a school or other location.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Often offers educational and developmental activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May have limited openings</li> <li>• Can be expensive</li> </ul>
<b>After-School Programs**</b>	Care is given at a school or other location.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be at child's school, no need for transportation</li> <li>• Offers educational activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May have limited openings</li> <li>• Can be expensive</li> <li>• May not offer programs during summer months</li> </ul>
<b>Babysitter (Informal Care)</b>	Care is given in your home or the babysitter's home.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be cheaper than other childcare</li> <li>• May give care in child's home</li> <li>• Easier to find babysitters from your neighborhood</li> <li>• May give care during evenings, weekends or overnight</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not regulated or licensed</li> <li>• May not have training in CPR or first aid</li> <li>• May not offer educational activities</li> <li>• May cancel without notice</li> </ul>

**\*\*These programs are licensed by New York State. Staff must: go through background checks, follow all health and safety regulations, and be trained in CPR and first aid**