



No Openings-What Are My Options?

You call everyone on the list provided and no one has an opening that can meet your needs, what do you do next? The following are some suggestions:

- Re-contact Childcaring for additional provider information. We may be able to expand the search area or add additional areas to search. This could increase the options available to you. If you have any flexibility with hours or days that care is needed, we could also change those criteria and search the area again.
- Ask if you could visit the program, even if they do not have current openings. You would then be able to know if this is a program you would consider using if an opening became available.
- If you have found a program that you would like to use, ask if you could be placed on a waiting list. Availability can change quickly, and an opening may come up unexpectedly.
- Make a short term plan for child care. Contact Childcaring again in a few months to see if new providers may have been added in the areas you are interested in.
- Ask the provider that does not currently have an opening if they know of someone in the area that does have current availability.
- Talk to friends, neighbors and people at your library, church or community center who may have faced the same problems. How did they solve them?
- Discuss your child care needs with your employer and with co-workers. If many of you are having difficulties, your employer needs to know.
- If you know someone that is not currently regulated that may be willing to watch your children, have them contact Childcaring. We can answer questions and offer tips on becoming licensed or certified to provide care.