

License-Exempt Child Care Provider

RESOURCE DIRECTORY

License-Exempt Child Care Providers are eligible for all the resources listed on this directory and may contact Illinois Action for Children at any time to learn more or receive assistance obtaining resources.

RESOURCE	DESCRIPTION	PHONE / EMAIL / WEB
CCAP Express & Family Resources	Receive assistance with a variety of CCAP needs in a one-stop shop. Schedule a walk-in or phone appointment, request CCAP forms, check the status of your case, submit documents, check payment status, and more.	312.823.1100 ccapquestions@actforchildren.org https://www.actforchildren.org/child-care/pay-child-care/ccap-express
Course Training Catalog	View a seasonal catalog of a variety of free courses offered by Illinois Action for Children and community partners that meet most training requirements. Find courses ranging from CPR and first aid, child development, health and safety, and more.	https://www.actforchildren.org/development/professional-training/course-catalog/
Gateways Training Tier Add-On*	Complete up to 3 tiers of Gateways courses to receive a 10%, 15%, or 20% rate add-on to your CCAP payment.	312.823.1421 healthandsafety@actforchildren.org https://www.ilgateways.com/credentials/gateways-training-tiers



<p>Health & Safety Improvement Funds* Grant</p>	<p>Select from a variety of health and safety items (smoke detectors, safety gates, first aid kits, lead-free paint, children’s books, age-appropriate toys, etc.) to be shipped to your home. Only available during specific times of the year.</p>	<p>312.823.1421 healthandsafety@actforchildren.org https://actforchildren.org/program-supports/health-safety-resources</p>
<p>Healthy Food Program**</p>	<p>Receive financial reimbursement for the money spent on healthy food for the children on the CCAP case. Child care must take place in the provider’s own home.</p>	<p>773.564.8861 healthyfood@actforchildren.org https://actforchildren.org/program-supports/healthy-food-programs</p>
<p>Higher Education Navigators</p>	<p>Pursue an Early Childhood Education degree with one-on-one support from a Higher Education Navigator and receive assistance applying for scholarships and FAFSA.</p>	<p>217.250.8625 navigators@actforchildren.org https://www.actforchildren.org/devsite/development/opportunities/ecace-scholarship-opportunity</p>
<p>Mask Pick-Up (Free)</p>	<p>Child care providers are eligible for free masks, up to 5 boxes per provider home, or more for a center.</p>	<p>312.823.1421 healthandsafety@actforchildren.org https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/d3435034ef3e4882b43ae437ea94feb2</p>
<p>Peer Learning***</p>	<p>Join other childcare providers for a 3-week, virtual discussion in a small group designed to share, learn, and support one another in a pressure-free environment.</p>	<p>312.823.1421 healthandsafety@actforchildren.org https://www.actforchildren.org/program-supports/health-safety-resources</p>

<p>Provider Referral Database</p>	<p>Appear on a Referral Database that allows parents to view providers offering child care services. Includes referrals to families, technical assistance, notification of grants, and other opportunities.</p>	<p>312.823.1347</p> <p>providerdatabase@actforchildren.org</p> <p>https://www.actforchildren.org/program-supports/referral-database</p>
<p>Provider Resources (Training)</p>	<p>Receive support from IAFC's training team finding and registering for free trainings that are at a convenient location, date, and time that work for your schedule.</p>	<p>773.564.8804</p> <p>registration@actforchildren.org</p> <p>https://www.actforchildren.org/development/professional-training/</p>
<p>Public Policy and Advocacy</p>	<p>Learn about early child care and education, stand up for children and child care providers, and use your voice to create positive change in Illinois.</p>	<p>advocacy@actforchildren.org</p> <p>https://actforchildren.org/champion/join-movement/advocacy-events-webinars</p>
<p>Quality Funds/ Individual Professional Development Funds</p>	<p>Attend conferences, training courses, workshops, and other professional development activities and be reimbursed for costs up to \$500.</p>	<p>773.564.8781</p> <p>qualityfunds@actforchildren.org</p> <p>https://www.actforchildren.org/devsite/development/opportunities/individual-funds</p>
<p>Recruitment & Retention</p>	<p>Learn more about steps to becoming licensed and receive one-on-one assistance with the process.</p>	<p>773.564.8827</p> <p>meghann.michalski@actforchildren.org</p> <p>https://www.actforchildren.org/development/professional-training</p>

