



# NEW, FREE CHILD CARE GUIDE AVAILABLE

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If you're expecting a baby and looking for child care or simply in need of child care for an older child, new help has arrived.

It's the latest issue of the Early Care and Education Guide produced by Quality Care for Children.

Each year, 11Alive sponsors this guide produced by quality care for children to give parents a place to find everything they need to know about finding child care all in one place.

Students in a Pre-K class at the Goddard School in Marietta are featured on the cover and the school is listed in the book.

"I think it's just a great source for parents to look and see what programs are out there and make some informed decisions because child care is extremely important," explains Tom Barone, owner of the Goddard School in Marietta.

The guide lists both child care centers and family care homes by cities and zip codes. It includes telephone numbers, days of operation, hours and costs.

"We're able to share the range of costs and help them as they look for that child care and what they can afford," explains Pam Runkle, Executive Director, Quality Care for Children.

The owners of Goddard School say teacher qualifications rank high on the list of what parents want in a center.

"What are their children going to be learning here? The lessons plans and developmental guidelines are extremely important questions," explains Barone.

"If they're in a quality setting, they're going to display a higher level of cognitive and language development," says Runkle.