



## Ten Alternatives to Regulated Child Care

*Have you exhausted all of the providers with vacancies in our data base and still can not find adequate child care? If the answer is yes, here are some suggestions that you might want to consider:*

1. LECC (Legally Exempt Child Care Provider) Program is offered to parents who are income eligible. Parents are able to use their subsidy benefit if they can find someone to provide care for their children, as long as this caretaker is able to pass a criminal background check.
2. You may, (or may not) feel comfortable with relatives watching your child. Keep in mind that even though they are family they may, or may not be a good match for your child. It is important to discuss any issues you may have and continue to communicate. Show respect and courtesy and treat them as well you would any other provider.
3. Go to your local schools and or colleges ask teachers, administrators, parents, if they or someone they know might be able to help you out with your situation. In exchange you might pay them, or watch their children at other times etc.
4. Make a list of friends and neighbors that you think are responsible and trustworthy. See if they or someone they know may be interested in caring for your child.
5. Contact local churches or civic groups and see if they know of anyone they might recommend. Perhaps if they have a weekly bulletin or newsletter they could place an ad for you.
6. Run an ad in your local paper.
7. Create flyers for community boards advertising your need.
8. Start a playgroup with other parents who are in similar situations.
9. If child is older consider approaching school district asking them to consider creating an after school program.
10. Consider opening your own child care facility. Child care can be a challenging and rewarding profession. The Resource Specialist at Umbrella can help you with this process. Contact Jennifer Grant at (802)748-8645.

**It is highly important to keep in mind that any of these suggestions must be investigated thoroughly. When applicable references should be obtained and investigated. It is highly important that in any childcare arrangement good communication between the parent and the provider is essential. All of these alternative suggestions are not regulated. *Proceed with caution!***