

REGION 47: OGLE, WHITESIDE & LEE

## CHILD CARE TOOLKIT

















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## Helping employers assist employees in navigating their child care needs.



This Toolkit was created specifically to assist the businesses in our Region to better support their employees!



## WHAT IS IN THE TOOLKIT & HOW TO ACCESS IT

- Comprehensive Guide: A multipage document outlining child care resources available in our Region.
- Online Resource Folder: A collection of additional tools and information to support parents in finding the right child care.
- 4C: Community Coordinated Child Care: Direct links to our Region's Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, 4C.
- Illinois Cares for Kids: Easy access to the Illinois Cares for Kids platform for locating child care providers and exploring the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System.

Access the Toolkit here: bit.ly/Region47ChildCareToolkit

## QUALITY CHILD CARE IS THE FIRST PHASE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

"It is in the economic interest of our country and families to maintain and increase labor force participation and the skills of all working parents. Child care is essential in supporting parents' ability to work and further their skills through education. Without care, one cannot work or go to school."

- U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

U.S. BUSINESSES LOSE \$3 BILLION ANNUALLY DUE TO EMPLOYEE ABSENTEEISM AS THE RESULT OF CHILD CARE BREAKDOWNS. – CHILD CARE AWARE