



Choose Safe Places

Keeping children healthy in the environments where they grow, learn, and play

What Are Safe Places?

Safe Environments for Kids to Grow, Learn, and Play

Locations of child care centers can impact children's health. Harmful substances from nearby businesses or previous land uses can get into child care centers.

Where Are Safe Places?

Everywhere! You can limit risk. Just ask:

- How old is the property?
- Is there lead paint?
- What was on the property before?
- What types of businesses are nearby?
- Where does the drinking water come from?

Why is Environment Important?

Environments Affect Kids' Health

- Children's bodies are still developing
- Early life exposures can have lifelong impacts
- For their size, they drink more water and breathe more air than adults
- Crawling and hand-to-mouth behaviors increase exposure

Who Can Help?

Anyone!

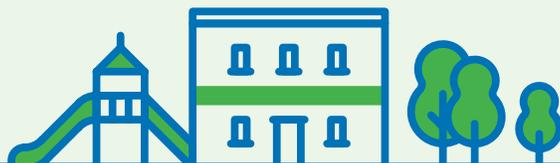
Learn more about the Choose Safe Places program and how you can help here:

<https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/oeo/programs/csp.html>

Additional Resources

Division of Child Development and Early Education: <https://ncchildcare.ncdhhs.gov/>

Eco-Healthy Child Care: <https://cehn.org/our-work/eco-healthy-child-care/>



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