

LARGEST CHILD CARE CENTERS

RANKED BY LICENSED CHILD CAPACITY

Rank	Name Address Phone	Licensed capacity/ enrollment	Hours/ ages served	Services provided	No. of staff	Director
1	Union United Methodist Church Preschool 7582 Woodrow St. Irmo, SC 29063 (803) 781-0630	375	7:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. / 18 months to kindergarten	Regular classtime, children 3 or younger attend twice weekly, multiple day programs for older children	37	Barbie Creswell
2	Chapin's Children Center Inc. 432 E. Boundary St.; Chapin, SC 29036 (803) 345-9428	347	6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. / 2 years to 12 years	Hot lunches, after-school care, summer program	WND	Nancy Pryor
3	Timmerman School 2219 Atascadero Drive Columbia, SC 29206 (803) 782-2748	302	7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. / 3 years to 13 years	Computer, Spanish, academics, physical education, ballet, karate, piano, guitar, trumpet, Boy Scouts, sports	35	Cindy Jones
4	Temple Baptist Church 806 Universal Drive; Columbia, SC 29209 (803) 783-0252	291	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. / 6 weeks to 12 years	Hot lunch, two snacks daily, half-day kindergarten, karate, gymnastics, after-school pickup	20	Lisa Pitts
5	Lexington Medical Center Child Development 2720 Sunset Blvd.; West Columbia, SC 29169 (803) 791-2067	271	N/A / 6 weeks to 11 years	Corporate center for Lexington Medical Center employees	38	Susan Graham
6	Chesterbrook Academy 1050 Wildewood Centre Drive Columbia, SC 29209 (803) 699-9988	260	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. / 18 months to second grade in school year; 18 months to 10 years in summer	Hot lunch, two snacks daily, Spanish and music within curriculum, after-school care, dance, karate, gymnastics, art	40	Susan Asher
7	Shandon Presbyterian Child Development 607 Woodrow St. Columbia, SC 29205 (803) 799-8533	251	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. full-day; 9:00 a.m. to noon half-day / 8 weeks to eighth grade	Hot lunch, weekly music and Spanish, other extracurricular activities offered for a fee	43	Marcia Bacon
8	Tri-City Leisure Center 700 Dreher Road; West Columbia, SC 29169 (803) 939-9309	240	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. / 6 years to 13 years	Swimming, field trips, after-school care, afternoon snack	21	Hank Dombroski
8	Northminster Early Childhood Development 6717 David St. Columbia, SC 29203 (803) 754-1812	240	6:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. / 22 months to 5 years; after-school	Breakfast, lunch, snack, after-school pickup, martial arts, ballet, gymnastics, tennis, swimming, computer	17	Monika Carey
10	Gateway Academy Child Development 950 Columbiana Drive Columbia, SC 29212 (803) 749-9553	236	6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. / 6 weeks to 12 years	Pre-school program, summer camp after-school program, hot breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, field trips, transportation to and from elementary schools	25	Claudia Winston
10	Gateway Academy Child Development 5307 Sunset Blvd. Lexington, SC 29072 (803) 356-0600	236	6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. / 6 weeks to 12 years	Pre-school program, summer camp after-school program, hot breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, field trips, transportation to and from elementary schools	25	Donna Anton
10	Gateway Academy Child Development 1130 Sparkleberry Lane Ext. Columbia, SC 29223 (803) 788-2255	236	6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. / 6 weeks to 12 years	Pre-school program, summer camp after-school program, hot breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, field trips, transportation to and from elementary schools	25	Jennifer Mims
13	Shandon United Methodist Preschool 3407 Devine St.; Columbia, SC 29205 (803) 256-1498	227	7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. / 3 months to kindergarten	Creative curriculum, Christian education, Kindermusik program, computer, karate, morning and afternooon snacks	27	Bea Daves
14	Whiteford Christian Day School 501 Whiteford Way Lexington, SC 29072 (803) 356-7566	222	6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. / 12 months to 12 years	Bible study, Abeka (Christian-based) curriculum, mom's morning out program, field trips, breakfast, lunch, snack	30	Sandy Shanklin

SOURCES: Department of Social Services, interviews with facility directors.

Centers at Union and Shandon United Methodist churches are open September through May.

Timmerman School is a child-care, kindergarten, elementary and junior high school, www.timmermanschool.com