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Angus Council Social Work
Freepost SCO7045
Forfar
DD8 3ZR.

Crèches

Community or leisure centres often run crèches for children whose parents are joining in activities. They may also be available in town centres to offer care while parents are shopping. Places are available for a few hours only and you may have to pay a charge for the service.

Useful contacts and addresses

Education and Social Work
County Buildings
Market Street
Forfar
Phone: 01307 461460
E-mail (Education): EDUCATION@angus.gov.uk
E-mail (Social Work):
SOCIALWORK@angus.gov.uk

Social Work
Registration and Inspection Unit
Academy Lane
Arbroath
Phone: 01241 878585
E-mail: SOCALR&I@angus.gov.uk

Community Education Service
Bruce House
Wellgate
Arbroath
Phone: 01241 435005
E-mail: EDNCES@angus.gov.uk

Scottish Pre-school Play Association
Tannadice Primary School
Tannadice
Phone: 01307 850295

Scottish Childminding Association
Suite 3
7 Melville Terrace
Stirling
FK8 2ND
Phone: 01786 445377

Angus Childcare Partnership
County Buildings
Market Street
Forfar
Phone: 01307 461460
E-mail: Childcare@angus.gov.uk

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You can get this leaflet in large print, in Braille or on cassette by contacting us on 01307 473194.

We can provide this information in other languages if you need it.

ACCESS Angus 08452 777 778
your direct line for council services

W B Robertson
Director of Social Work

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SOCIAL WORK

Daycare and education services for children in Angus

Your child and daycare

There are many types of daycare and it is important to choose the best care to suit both your child and you. This leaflet gives you information about the different daycare and education services available in Angus.

Play in daycare

Play is an important part of daycare. Children develop through play and learn about themselves and the world around them.

Finding a registered carer

You want to be sure that your child will be well looked after. Except for parent and toddler groups which are run by parents themselves, daycare and education services are registered or managed by the local authority. Checks are made to make sure that people looking after children are suitable. Premises are also checked to make sure that children will be safe.

For these reasons you should always look for a registered carer.

The best way to find out about daycare and education is to contact the Angus Childcare Information Service.

Phone: 08452 777 778
Website: www.childcarelink.gov.uk/angus

Nursery schools and classes

Our Education department runs free part-time nursery classes for three- and four-year-olds. Children in their preschool year are given priority for places.

Town Head Nursery School in Brechin can offer some full-time places for children with special needs. All staff are qualified and trained. Nursery teachers and nursery nurses plan for and provide a range of experiences to help children learn.

Childminders

Childminders work in their own homes and offer flexible daycare to suit parents and children. They are allowed to care for up to six children under eight, including their own. If you think a childminder would be best for your child, it is important to take time to find the right person. You can then talk over arrangements which will suit you and the childminder. Most childminders will ask to draw up a contract and this is also in your interest. They decide what to charge. As a guide, in Angus you should expect to pay between £1 and £2.50 an hour and between £50 and £80 a week for full-time care.

Playgroups

Playgroups offer play and education sessions for children aged two and half to five in the morning or afternoon. Parents take part in managing the playgroup and can join in the fun with the children alongside a trained play leader. This lets parents learn more about their children and make new friends. Most playgroups belong to the Scottish Pre-school Play Association. Charges can vary from £1 and £2.50 for one playgroup session. Many playgroups now offer free places for three- and four-year-olds.

Parent and toddler groups

Parent and toddler groups allow parents and toddlers to get together with others. Most groups meet for a couple of hours, once or twice a week. Most parent and toddler groups are members of the Scottish Pre-school Play Association. You usually have to pay a small charge for each session.

The Child and Family Centre

The Child and Family Centre in Arbroath offers a range of services for children and families. We provide these services mainly for children and families in need. We offer full- or part-time care for children, and parents can also join in various groups and activities.

Private day nurseries

Most nurseries are open 8am until 6pm. They offer full- or part-time places. Only a few private nurseries have places for babies because they need more staff. A full-time place might cost between £60 and £80 a week.

Holiday playschemes

These are mainly for primary school children and last for two or three weeks in the school holidays. The times of the sessions vary. Some schemes will offer places for a whole day. You usually have to pay a small charge.

Out-of-school care

We offer children care and activities before and after school. Out-of-school care schemes may also offer places during the school holidays. Most of these schemes are run in school premises. Some schemes make arrangements to collect children from school. Charges vary but you can expect to pay between £15 and £30 a week.

Nannies

Nannies are employed by parents to care for their children in their own homes. Arrangements made between nannies and parents are a private matter. Nannies are not registered by the local authority. A qualified nanny would expect to earn £100 to £140 a week. Some families share a nanny with another family. This helps to cut the costs.

Our aim is not only to meet our current standards but also to consider how we can improve them.

If you have any comments on the service you have received, or suggestions on how we can improve our standards, we would like to hear from you.

If you have a complaint about Social Work services, you can get a leaflet **What to do if you are not happy with services provided by Social Work** from any Social Work office.

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