

NON REGISTERED CHILDCARE CHOICES

The following childcare choices do not have to be registered with the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW)

Au Pairs are young people aged between 17 – 27. They do not generally have childcare qualifications, usually come from abroad and live as a member of the family to learn English. The Home Office allow au pairs to work in a family home for up to 5 hours per day in return for an allowance of about £50-£60 per week a room and two full days off per week. They should be allowed to attend language classes and religious services if they wish.

Crèches are run in a variety of premises and provide occasional care. Parents are usually involved in a parental activity such as shopping or training and are expected to remain within close proximity to the provision. A Crèche must be registered if it takes children under 8yrs, runs for 2 hours or more per day and for 6 or more days per year.

Family members such as grandparents, aunts or uncles share the childcare with parents. They are not childminders.

Parent's Helps are not trained in childcare. They are sometimes given sole charge of the child but often work alongside parents. They may do housework, shopping and cooking as well as look after your child. They may live in or out. A parent's help works 8 hours a day and can do some baby sitting in the evening. Salaries vary from £100-£200 per week this can be dependent on whether they live in or out.

Nannies may be trained and hold a formal childcare qualification. They look after your child in your own home. They may live in or out. Parents are responsible for interviewing and checking references. Salaries vary from about £180-£400 per week.

Open Access Play Schemes offer play opportunities organised in such a way that children will only be supervised whilst present and taking part in the scheme. Children are able to come and go from the facility as they please. Play schemes run for short periods of time during school holidays, either morning and or afternoon.

Parent and Toddler Groups and Cylch Ti a Fi's provide play opportunities for the child and social opportunities for parents, but the parent/career must stay with the child. Both the MYM and Wales PPA support Parent and Toddler Groups.