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Helping families with their child care needs. You have a child care provider, diapers, a favorite blanket, and an extra change of clothes. But do you have a backup plan? Regardless of your child care setting it is important to think about a backup child care plan. There may be times when you know your child care provider will not be available or times when your provider may have to close due to illness or emergency. Backup child care is not just back up. Even a temporary situation can leave a lasting impact on your child. The Delaware Opportunities Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) program helps families make informed decisions about child care. A day care specialist is available to provide up-to-date referrals on regulated programs in Delaware County as well as information on child care regulations, help with the cost of care, and evaluating a child care program. For free confidential child care information and referrals, contact a day care specialist at (607) 746-1620, or toll free, 1-877-746-2279, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., or by email at <u>daycare@delop.org</u>; or use the free online search for child care at www.delawareopportunities.org.

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