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Wondering what technologies are available?

* CCA: Child Care Aware - <http://www.childcareaware.org/>
  + Helps you to learn more about quality child care and how to locate programs in the community. There is a link for helpful tools including: a glossary of common child care terms, national organizations related to children and families, a child care budgeting calculator, and a child care decision making tool. There are additional resources to locate CCA in your area and newsletters to keep you informed and updated.
  + Partly funded by the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, and US Department of Health & Human Services
* NAEYC: National Association for the Education of Young Children <http://www.naeyc.org/>
  + Works to promote high-quality early learning for all young children, birth-8, by connecting early childhood practice, policy, and research. They advance a diverse, dynamic early childhood profession and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children.
  + Funded by the US Department of Education
* NEA: National Education Association – For parents - <http://www.nea.org/home/ParentPartnershipResources.html>
  + NEA works to improve teacher quality and student achievement and to tackle tough educational and professional issues. As parents, it will offer you multiple resources for educating your child.
  + This is an independent agency of the US federal government and is supported in its partnership with the American Federation of Teachers.
* Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development [www.nichd.nih.gov](http://www.nichd.nih.gov)
  + This research program provides information and curricula for parents – supplying you with a wide range of health and research topics, clinical trials, and publications all related to the health of children, adults, families, and communities.
  + The NIH is in relation to the US Department of Health and Human Services as well as the National Institutes of Health
* National Parent Teacher Association [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)
  + PTA strives to be a voice for all children, a relevant resource for your family and community, and a strong advocate for public education. Their links include Parent Guides to Student Success, Health, Safety, and Special Education Toolkit. Their services can be seen through the values of collaboration, commitment (to children’s educational success & well-being), diversity, respect, and accountability.
  + Sponsored by AXA Foundation, Healthy Weight Commitment Foundation, LifeLock, and Lifetouch.
* Child Care Services Association [www.childcareservices.org](http://www.childcareservices.org)
  + They ensure affordable, accessible, high-quality child care for all families through research, services and advocacy. They do this by providing free referral services to families seeking child care, technical assistance to child care businesses, and educational scholarships and salary supplements to child care professionals.
  + They are funded through a list of businesses, foundations, county government, nonprofits, universities, and individual partnerships.
* Child Care Exchange [www.childcareexchange.com](http://www.childcareexchange.com)
  + This is an online periodical organization committed to supporting childhood professionals but have valuable resources for you as parents. They offer books, online documents, workshops, and training kits. They support early childhood professionals in their efforts to craft environments where adults and children thrive through their magazine, books, and training resources.
  + As a magazine resource, they are funded by the subscriptions and supporters of the business.
* Zero to Three National Center for Infants Toddlers, and Families <http://www.zerotothree.org/parenting-resources/>
  + They provide parents, professionals and policymakers the knowledge and the know-how to nurture early development. Specifically, they offer reliable information on the ages and stages of your child, social-emotional development, school readiness/early learning, play, challenging behaviors, sleep, and positive parenting approaches.
  + They are a non-profit organization funded by donors.
* PBS Learning Media <http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/>
  + This will provide you access to applications offered by PBS – a trusted source. They provide online resources for access to innovative, standards-aligned digital apps, and “compelling student experiences”.
  + PBS media has a strong partnership with WGBH, a public media powerhouse.
* Newsela for kids <https://newsela.com/articles/#/category/kids>
  + This is an online resource of articles that your child can read according to his/her grade. It provides access to daily news and is an “innovative way to build relavent reading comprehension”.
  + Newsela partners with Associated Press, The Washington Post, The Guardian, The Scientific American, and the Tribune Content Agency, all reliable news sources.
* Edutopia [www.edutopia.org](http://www.edutopia.org)
  + Edutopia works to provide cutting-edge resources including everything from Technology Integration to Formative Assessment. It will guide you in your understanding of the future of education as well as the education of your child.
* Fames to Grow In: Activities to Help Children Learn Self-Control by Lawrence E. Shapiro (1981)
  + This is a simple and straight-forward resource for struggling teachers, parents, guardians, and daycare of children who lack self-control. It introduces the child who struggles with this and offers tips and activities to work on skills ranging from time awareness to following directions
* Table Toys: A Creative Curriculum for Early Childhood by Creative Associates Inc. (1979)
  + Table toys are the manipulatives that pre-k teachers provide to children to support cognitive and physical growth. This book may be outdated, but it is still applicable and appropriate for teachers today. It offers basic graphics for classroom layout, shelving options, and table toy possibilities
* Rainy Day Pastimes: 215 Ideas to Keep Children Happy published by Marshall Cavendish (1975)
  + This is an expansive books; it is literally 215 activities to use when interacting with children. The categories of activities range from quiet games to play indoors and crafts to make and play outdoors to messy things to do indoors and things to do when ill in bed.
* Scholastic Apps <http://www.scholastic.com/apps/>
  + Simply put, Scholastic is a treasure of resources. Specifically here, they provide you and your child with online/mobile apps that build on education. You can filter the applications by platform, audience, brand, and interest.
  + Scholastic National partners with non-profit organizations, government agencies and some corporations.
* Big Day for PreK <http://www.hmhco.com/products/big-day-pre-k/>
  + Using Big Day for PreK allows for five key elements of the transition for your future kindergartener. These are: 1) big experiences, 2) meaningful conversations, 3) the best children’s literature and nonfiction, 4) innovative technology, and 5) comprehensive curriculum.
  + It is proven to be an effective comprehensive program that supports kindergarten readiness by building the foundation for success both in school and in life. The Early Childhood Inventory conducted research to provide this information.
* HighScope for Parents <http://www.highscope.org/Content.asp?ContentId=746>
  + As parents, HighScope provides answers to questions you may have in regards to the education of your little learner. Using a variety of credible sources, HighScope answers the following questions: Do all children learn at the same pace? What should I look for when finding a quality preschool? What is the value of play in the preschool room? Where can I find more information?
  + HighScope is most known for its landmark Perry Preschool Study and its curriculum, both studying and implementing high-quality preschool education.
* NAFCC: National Association for Family Child Care <http://www.nafcc.org/>
  + This is a non-profit membership association that is dedicated to promoting quality child care for your family by strengthening the profession of child care.
  + The NAFCC is an Accreditation organization that offers indicators of safe, inviting spaces and nurturing care complete with activities designed to meet the needs of children through individual development.
* Learning Disabilities Association of America for parents <http://ldaamerica.org/parents/>
  + On the LDA website, you will find information on understanding learning disabilities, negotiating the special education process, and tips for building self-knowledge for you and your child.
  + LDA partners with Healthy Children Project, Understood.org, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, IDEA, National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities, and Children’s Behavioral Alliance.
* All About Young Children <https://allaboutyoungchildren.org/>
  + Here you will find an easy-to-navigate and brief website with direct information on the Early Childhood stages.
  + This is a product of the California Department of Education.