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Workshop to Help Parents Choose Quality Child Care

A workshop designed to help parents choose a quality child care facility is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Wed., Oct. 19, at Longfellow School, 715 S. Highland Ave. Local resource information will be presented, including websites of accredited organizations, child care resource and referral agencies.

The program will be presented by Dee Dee Farmer, director of Longfellow's pre-kindergarten program, and Catherine Amato RN, BSN, a nurse with the Oak Park Department of Public Health. The program is sponsored by the *Collaboration for Early Childhood Care and Education*, a public/private alliance of family care providers, directors and staff from childcare, pre-school and kindergarten programs, and early childhood educators from local colleges and universities.

"Choosing a quality day care is important not only for the health of the child, but for their development," Amato said. "The goal of the program is to help parents make an informed choice."

Pre-registration is not required. For more information call 358.5428 or email health@oak-park.us.

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