




Selecting Child Care Management Software

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	 <p>Features: Items that CCMS typically include in their product offerings</p>				Notes	Notes
1		MUST HAVE	WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE	NOT IMPORTANT		
2	Marketing and Enrollment					
3	Families can apply and enroll children online					
4	Supports providers in developing a website and helping the program to be found in internet searches					
5	Waitlist Management - keeps track of who is interested; supports regular communication with prospects					
6	Child and Family Information					
7	Tracking Health Data - vaccination deadlines, allergies, etc.					
8	Links Siblings - keeps child/family history					
9	Staff information - HR					
10	Keeps Data on Staff - demographics, education/qualifications, PD records, etc.					
11	Staff Documents - deadlines/notifications for clearances, health check-ups, vaccines, PD requirements, etc.					
12	Staff Time Clock					
13	Supports Payroll Reporting					
14	Scheduling					
15	Room/Staff Scheduling					
16	Transportation Schedules					
17	Attendance					
18	Time Stamped Check-in/out - for enrolled children through a unique identifier (QR code/biometrics, etc.)					

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19	Staff-Child Ratio Management - notification when under or over ratio in a specific center classroom and/or a FCC home					
20	Absences - reports by child/room/program					
21	Withdrawals - tracks reasons					
22	"Bulk" Attendance Records - when program is closed, all enrolled children are marked absent					
23	Billing/Invoicing					
24	Billing Allocation - allows each child to have multiple sources of funding (parents, family members, subsidy, PreK, etc.)					
25	Automatic Adjustment for Late Fees - connected to time stamp, allows billing for additional program fees					
26	Flexible Billing Runs - weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc.					
27	Payment History/Aging - reports for past due accounts					
28	Integrated Electronic Payments - when electronic payments are made, payments automatically updated in child account					
29	Annual Tax Statement/Account Status - families can access for reporting child care spending for tax and/or employer reports					
30	Accounting (Center based programs)					
31	Revenue Tracking Aligned with Chart of Accounts					
32	Export to Accounting Software					
33	Accounting (Home based programs)					
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35	Export to Accounting Software					
36	Detailed Tracking Time/expense					
37	Tracking/Categorizing - all time spent on child care business					

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38	Tracking/Categorizing - all expenses spent on child care business					
39	Receipt Management					
40	CACFP					
41	Menu Planning Meets CACFP Guidelines					
42	Meal Counts - able to check for each child when served (with time stamp)					
43	Designation in each Family Account - for free/reduced/paid					
44	Generates Reports for Billing					
45	Education Tracking					
46	Lesson Plan Management					
47	Individual Education Plans					
48	Child Assessment/Tracking Developmental Progress					
49	Service Referrals					
50	Head Start Performance Standards					
51	Parent Communication					
52	Parent Portal - for account status, payment, records management, etc.					
53	Parent Communication Tools - text, send photos, videos through the app					
54	Available in Multiple Languages					
55	Training/TA Support					
56	Phone Support					
57	Online Chat					

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58	Videos					
59	Individualized Provider On-boarding					
60						110C 06/2024
61	Funding for this program is being made available through the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services through the Child Care and Development Fund					