



Building (it) Together offers child care resource directory for workers

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – December 8, 2020 – [Building \(it\) Together](#), an initiative aimed at aligning education, economic development and workforce development to increase job growth in the Birmingham seven-county region, is offering a new resource for job seekers in Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, St. Clair and Walker counties.

Building (it) Together – a regional initiative coordinated by Central Six AlabamaWorks! and the Birmingham Business Alliance (BBA) – will provide access to local child care resources for job seekers in those six counties to remove barriers for workers looking to return to their jobs or start new jobs with local employers.

“We know that child care is a concern at various times of the day and throughout the year,” said Antiqua Cleggett, executive director of Central Six AlabamaWorks! “We are creating a database to meet the needs of parents and children of all ages, at all times.”

The inclusive list of child care resources will continually be updated. There is a short survey for child care providers to fill out to be added to the database.

“Access to affordable, quality child care is a critical need for our workforce’s success,” said the BBA’s Manager of Talent and Higher Education Partnerships Karla Khodanian. “As we look to attract and retain talent to our region, addressing childcare needs is an essential step in advancing our community’s growth.”

The database is located on the [Central Six AlabamaWorks! website](#) under Job Seeker Resources.

[The comprehensive Building \(it\) Together report](#) found a substantial misalignment in education, economic development and workforce development in the region, and the initiative seeks to unite the three areas with an eye on increasing not just the number of jobs in Birmingham, but citizens’ quality of life. This database, Cleggett said, is one way to achieve that goal.

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