# **More Opportunities for Kids**

# **Important Information**

Because Great Falls College MSU does not have housing associated with this institution, students must make their own housing arrangements. The information and suggestions in this brochure are offered as a basic guide to some of the housing and child care opportunities in the Great Falls area.

### Need help getting grounded?

Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce 710 1st Ave N. Great Falls, MT 59401 406-761-4434 www.greatfallschamber.org

#### Need additional information?

**Great Falls Tribune:** www.greatfallstribune.com

**City of Great Falls:** www.greatfallsmt.net

**Great Falls Convention & Visitors Center:** www.greatfallscvb.visitmt.com

#### **Relocation Supersite:**

www.123relocation.com/Montana/ Great\_Falls\_

#### Area Providers:

Check-A-Child—1225 10th Ave S	453-1447
Edu-Care—819 6th St S	453-6003
Falls Jr. Academy—2326 1st Ave N	761-3465
Play N' Learn Childcare—3305 12th Ave S	788-5851
St. Thomas Center—1710 Benefis Ct	761-6538
Wee Disciples Daycare—1226 1st Ave N	771-7882

**Great Falls School District: Early Learning Family Center** 1100 4th St S, Great Falls, MT 406-268-6000

#### **Head Start**

309 12th St S, Great Falls, MT 406-453-5415 www.headstartmt.org

\*Head Start is a free preschool service for 3 and 4 year olds. Due to limited space, applications must be submitted early. Must meet income eligibility.

#### HANDS

3800 1st Ave S Room 8, Great Falls, MT 406-268-6932 www.gfps/l12/mt/us/Departments/HANDS/ Index.htm

\*HANDS is an interactive program for K-5th grade students. It is offered at all 15 elementary schools in Great Falls. Hours are 7:30am until school starts and from after school until 6 pm.

Great Falls College MSU does not specifically recommend or warrant any agency or landlord listed in this brochure. The College specifically disclaims any liability resulting from any association between the students and entities listed herein. Students are expected to investigate and make an independent determination as to any arrangement they may enter in with any agency, land lord, real estate agent or day care listed herein.

# Housing and Child Care Guide



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Phone:406-771-4300 or 800-446-2698 Website: www.gfcmsu.edu Email: information@gfcmsu.edu **The Fair Housing Act (Know Your Rights):** Fair Housing 406-455-8418 www.hud.gov/offices/ftheo

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of national origin, religion, sex, familial status, handicap (disabilities), race or color.

## **House Hunting Tips:**

- Housing should be secured 4-8 weeks before the semester starts
- Drive through the neighborhood to make sure it is safe

## **Housing Checklist:**

- Compile a list of former/present landlords, references and credit information complete with names, addresses and phone numbers
- Request apartment brochures and housing applications
- Check the classified section of the paper
- Fill applications out COMPLETELY
- Read entire lease before signing!
- Schedule a pre-rental walk through to document all items that are worn, in need of repair, or need to be replaced.
- Sign application and turn into office.

## **Check the Classified Ads:**

Great Falls Tribune 205 River Drive S, Great Falls, MT 59405 406-791-1444 or 800-438-6600 www.greatfallstribune.com

## **Rental Agencies in Great Falls**

Most rental agencies will help match renters with available properties for free. Independent agencies may charge a fee. Some agencies to call are:

GF Housing Authority	406-453-4311
MGM Property Management	406-727-3960
Neighborhood Housing	406-761-5861
Rainbow Housing	406-761-6333
Maas Property management	406-590-4423
Great Falls Housing Authority	406-453-6327

## **Apartment Complexes in Great Falls**

Autumn Run Apts—4101 Central Ave	452-3164
Blackstone Apts—314 3rd St N	761-0690
Franklin School Apts—820 1st Ave SW	453-5095
Grandview Plaza—1317 7th St St	727-5788
Morningside Apts—1825 6th Ave N	727-5902
Parkview Apts– 624 5th Ave NW	(520)885-6842
Roberts Apts—6 6th St S	216-5700
Sandstone Village—1601 23rd St S	771-3944
The Pines Apts—1701 20th St S	727-8181
Talus Apartments—2100 26th St S	205-4968
Vita Villa Apts– 715 3rd Ave NW	252-3773

#### NOTES:

# **Child Care Information**

Bright Beginnings Learning Center

Great Falls College MSU



# Just out the back

door of the College, is located our new child development center. Serving children ages 0-5 years of age on a full-time or part-time basis. Priority placement of children in the program is given to enrolled Great Falls College MSU students.

## **Bright Beginnings Learning Center**

1900 23rd St S, Great Falls, MT 59405 Candice English, Director, 406.205.3222

#### **Child Care Checklist for Providers:**

- Child's current immunization record
- In case of emergency information
- Medical information for all children

## **Tips for Choosing Child Care:**

- Is the environment clean and safe?
- Are the children in care happy and busy?
- What is the child/worker ratio?
- Are meals/snacks nutritious?
- Is the location/fees/hours convenient?
- Is the play organized and creative?
- Are there separate spaces for naps or sick children?

## **Child Care Solutions**

(Formerly Family Connections) Referral servicecounselors and brochures available upon request. 600 Central Ave #225, Great Falls, MT 59401 406-761-6010 or 800-696-4503 www.childcaresolutionsMT.org