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Resource & Referral Assistance in locating Quality Child Care	Financial Assistance Eligibility Team
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Email your questions regarding our services to [info@childcareconnectionsarasota.org](mailto:info@childcareconnectionsarasota.org)

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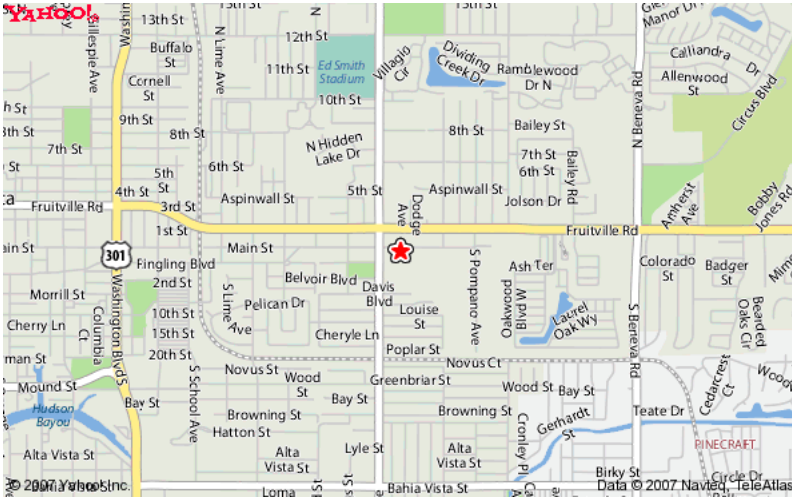
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*Office locations and office hours*

**Child Care Connection main office in Sarasota**



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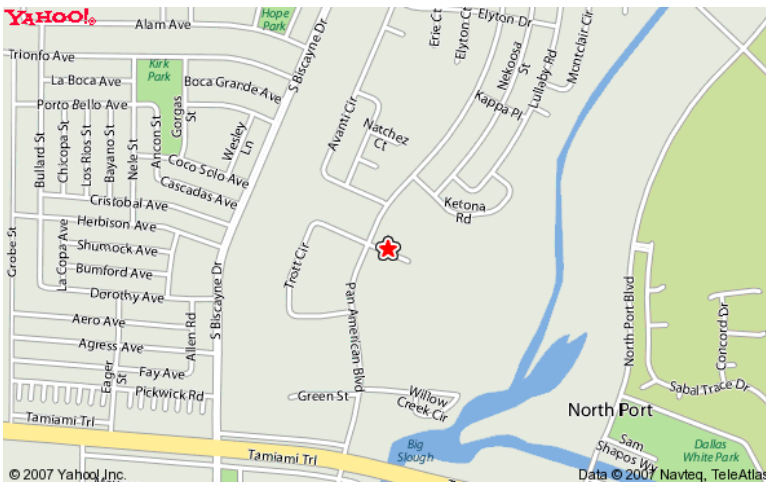
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**Sarasota Parent Lobby hours**  
 Monday-Thursdays 9am-4pm

**Parent Lobby Computer Kiosk hours**  
 Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11am-3pm

**By Telephone, E-mail, and Scheduled Appointment:**  
 Monday-Thursday  
 7:30am-5:30pm  
 Friday, 9-11am

**North Port office**



**Child Care Connection**

At North Port Social Services office  
 6919 Outreach Way  
 North Port, Florida 34287

(941) 556-1600 ext 203  
 OR (941) 429-3715

FAX (941) 556-1606

***(by appointment only)***

You may also contact the main office listed above for program and service assistance.

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