

# GROUP CHILDCARE OPTIONS

We know that childcare can be one of the bigger hurdles we face in trying to organize and meet with others regularly. If this is a financial hardship barrier for you or your group, please see the Group Childcare Reimbursement Form. Use the options at your disposal and think creatively about how to best make it work in your context. Here are a few to consider.

1. Meet in someone's home and chip in to hire childcare workers to watch the kids (basement, yard, etc.). Could also alternate locations
2. Divide into two or more groups to lower the population at any one house. Get childcare workers for each house.
3. Alternate men's and women's groups every other time and allow the other parent to keep the kids at home – possibly have a group social event on a third night each month and take the 4<sup>th</sup> off. Some mixed groups have also done, 1) Men 2) Women 3) Couples (each get their own childcare) 4) Social gathering with Couples and Children present w/o childcare.
4. Meet at home or campus location and have each family secure their own childcare.
5. Divide the group into 2 equal teams, and use alternate weeks to keep the other's kids.
6. Create a sign up rotation of people to agree to watch the kids a given week. For example, if a group has 6 couples, you would be responsible every 6<sup>th</sup> week if group met weekly.
7. Find another group and trade out childcare on alternate weeks.