

Quality for Kids

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) is a program to support quality child care throughout the State of Iowa. CCR&R is available to assist families in selecting child care providers who best meet the needs of a child and their family. Child Care Consultants provide on-site consultation to licensed preschools, centers, non-registered home providers and Child Care Development Home providers.



Take a look at CCR&R services!
www.iowaccrr.org



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Who is caring for your child?



PARENT GUIDE

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It's okay to be choosy...



You are the expert when it comes to deciding what is best for you and your child. Remember that it's okay to be choosy. Trust your instincts to help you decide what is best for your child.

- Establish a list of questions you want the provider to answer. CCR&R is an excellent resource to help guide you with this process.
- Call CCR&R for a referral list of providers in your area.
- Schedule a visit with the provider: tour the facility, observe the setting & staff, talk with the provider.
- Comparison shop. Interview several providers and talk to other parents.
- Prepare your child for a positive transition.
- Stay Involved. Meet regularly with the provider and ask questions. Visit regularly and participate in activities with your child.

For more details on choosing quality child care go to: www.iowaccrr.org/families/

Iowa Quality Rating System (QRS)

Choosing quality care may be one of the most important decisions you'll ever make and there's a lot to consider. To help you evaluate and select a child care provider, the Iowa Department of Human Services has established the Quality Rating System (QRS) for child care. Providers are "rated" with 1 to 5 stars depending upon how many improvement steps they've completed. QRS is meant to assist you in your child care search, not replace other methods, such as interviewing providers, conducting your own research, and relying on your own judgment. Each rating has minimum standards the provider must complete. A rating shows the provider is committed to improving quality child care.

A provider who earns 1 star has met Iowa's registration or licensing standards. A 2-star provider has received additional training and made the first steps toward improving quality. Providers who earn 3 to 5 stars are rated from the number of points they earn by meeting indicators of key quality in areas of:

- Professional Development
- Health & Safety
- Environment
- Family/Community Partnerships
- Leadership & Administration



Regulations in Iowa



Child care centers and preschools are licensed by the Iowa Department of Human Services or Department of Education. For children 2 weeks to 23 months, the minimum ratio of staff to children is 1 adult to every 4 children.

Child Development Homes (CDH) that care for six or more children at one time are required to be registered with the Iowa Department of Human Services. CDH's can register for different levels of care. CDH-A has limit of 8, CDH-B has a limit of 12 and CDH-C has a limit of 16 children. However, they all have the same rules for infants:

- No more than 3 under the age of 18 mo
- No more than 4 under the age of 24 mo

Additional regulations apply, please contact CCR&R for the complete listing.



CCR&R is committed to ensure that Iowa's vision is met: "All children, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful."