

Iowa
Child Care
Resource
& Referral



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Annual Report 2015

Iowa Quality Impact



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Program Impact

Iowa looks to child care providers to nurture children, prepare them for school and support parents. Iowa Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) offers trainings to both experienced providers and new providers entering the field. Trainings help educate individuals on what it takes to provide quality care.

Child Care Consultants spend hours with DHS Registered Child Development Homes, DHS Licensed Centers, non-registered child care homes, DHS Licensed Preschools and Department of Education programs providing technical assistance and conducting on-site visits. This allows consultants to build relationships and work with providers to enhance quality.



4,911

Child Care Providers received training from CCR&R

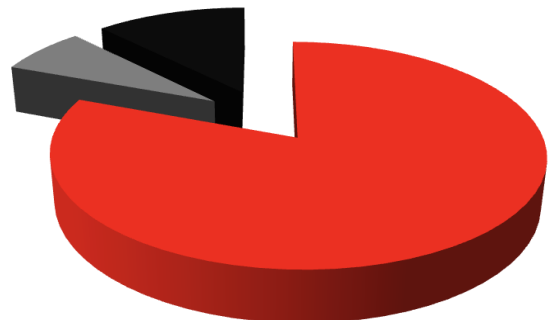


6,001

visits made to child care programs

Iowa's Quality Rating System (QRS)

- **Quality Rating System** is a voluntary program available to registered and licensed child care programs. There are five levels with specific steps that encourage improvement. Participation in QRS shows the community and families how committed a provider is to quality child care.



■ Not Rated ■ QRS 1-2 ■ QRS 3-5

Currently **1,205** providers participate in the QRS; there are **4,030** eligible providers that are able to participate

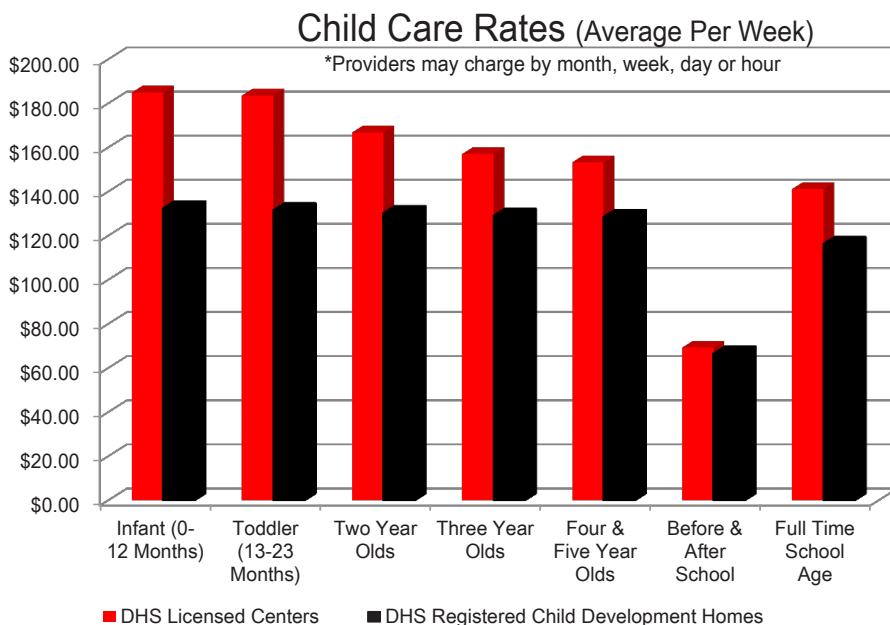
Family Impact

Parents want their children to be safe and taken care of while in a child care setting. When reaching out to CCR&R, parents are given information on all types of early child care and education programs. They are given 5-10 provider referrals in their area who may meet their needs and a booklet on how to identify quality programs. CCR&R encourages parents to choose care through quality initiatives, but the decision often becomes based upon cost of care.

A family earning the median income of \$61,990 with an infant in child care would pay:

- 16% of their income before taxes, if their child was in a licensed center
- 11% of their income before taxes, if their child was in a registered home

(Data source: State Library of Iowa, the Iowa NACCRRAware database & www.iowadatecenter.org for this reporting year).



82%
of parents chose
regulated care

*of parents who responded to CCR&R survey

Investment Impact

Investing in Iowa's future will strengthen the economy statewide. The investment of dollars in the CCR&R system improves the experience of children in care. Each day CCR&R works with providers, parents and community members to provide parent education, advocacy, child care provider training and consultation. Each day is a new day to help improve quality child care in Iowa.



□ SFY15 State Funding ■ SFY15 Federal Funding

State funding allocated to CCR&Rs in SFY15 \$726,003

Federal funding allocated to CCR&Rs in SFY15 \$4,190,240

Combined Federal and State funding for CCR&R services over the last 5 years.

	Federal	State	Combined
SFY 11	\$4,403,568	\$686,003	\$5,089,571
SFY 12	\$4,283,569	\$726,003	\$5,009,572
SFY 13	\$4,122,569	\$726,003	\$4,848,572
SFY 14	\$4,114,469	\$726,003	\$4,840,472
SFY 15	\$4,190,240	\$726,003	\$4,916,243

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