2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Iowa's #1 Resource for Everything Child Care!

SUPPORTING IOWA'S FUTURE
Investing in Iowa's youngest citizens will strengthen our economy. Research shows that increasing access to quality, affordable child care options does play a critical role in retaining Iowa's workforce.

The investment of dollars in the Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) system keeps essential child care businesses thriving and enhances the overall experience of children in care.

Our services help improve the quality of care for all of Iowa's children by promoting their learning and development. CCR&R supports child care providers in complying with state regulations and offers training to improve the quality of their care.

We provide free child care referrals and education to parents and caregivers on choosing a quality child care environment for their children. Also, we provide business and community partners with data and information on the availability of child care and a variety of other child-related topics.

CCR&R received $5,915,316 from federal funding to support quality child care services in Iowa for FY21.

"DHS commended the new provider for having everything done and the provider said it was because she had done the virtual walk-through with CCR&R to get ready."

- CCR&R Consultant

Iowa's Vision

Every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful.

Services During Pandemic

COVID-19 may have changed how CCR&R offered services, but it didn't change the outcome of our success!

"Our virtual visit was a great help to me and the next best thing to a personal visit. We were able to cover a lot of material and I was able to get my questions answered. I look forward to another such visit as I progress through the QRS process."

- Center Director
Improving Quality

Federal funding, administered through the Department of Human Services (DHS), is utilized to improve the quality of child care in Iowa.

1,563
QRS rated child care providers

Iowa’s Quality Rating System (QRS) is a voluntary program for child care businesses to improve their services to children. Programs are encouraged to improve health & safety, environment, family & community partnerships, leadership & administration and professional development - showing they’re committed to providing quality child care.

3,136 Consultant Contacts & Supports for QRS Certification

CCR&R has made a commitment to offer high-quality, foundational professional development opportunities to child care businesses. Our services have ensured that child care programs are able to maintain their registration or license status. Training is offered in a variety of topics to improve the quality of care for Iowa’s youngest citizens.

7,699
Training certificates issued

1,653 Professional Development Hours

CCR&R serves as the entry point for all initial application packets for registered Child Development Homes and Child Care Assistance providers - allowing CCR&R to build connections with providers as we guide them through Iowa’s regulation process.

341
New applications submitted

3,795 Consultant Services to Support Applications

4,609
Parent Services

CCR&R offers parents guidance, education and resources regarding child care services so they have a greater understanding about selecting quality child care from our referral lists.

4,609

6,637
Emergency Preparedness

In support of Iowa’s child care essential workforce, we were able to adapt services in support of Emergency Preparedness planning & responses to pandemic needs.

6,637

437
Engagement with Partners

In support of Iowa’s community child care needs, CCR&R staff engaged with community and business partners to strategize about building child care solutions.

437

DHS FUNDING

Total Programs listed with CCR&R: 4,960
CCR&R receives funding through DHS from federal appropriations, from Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) areas and other local resources.

#TogetherWeWill
Work with partners to enhance Iowa's Early Childhood System!

Professional Development

- Virtual Online Training Hours: 1,371
- Face-to-Face In-Person Training Hours: 1,196
- Certificates: 9,957

Consultation Supports: 42,771

Child Care Consultants are an excellent resource for providers and offer customized assistance around topics and issues at each program's request.

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