Located in 47 states, Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agencies focus on increasing access to high-quality, affordable child care by serving as a resource hub for families, child care professionals and communities.

**CCR&RS ARE SUPPORTED BY STATE CCR&R NETWORKS**

CCR&Rs are supported by nonprofit organizations known as state CCR&R networks. They provide coordination and leadership for the state's CCR&R system and improve the quality and consistency of services for parents, providers, and communities. Most state CCR&R networks are funded by the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG).

- 39 states have formal state CCR&R network organizations

**CCR&RS HELP FAMILIES FIND QUALITY CHILD CARE**

CCR&Rs help take the guesswork out of choosing child care. CCR&R staff provide families with:

- Child care referrals and information
- Access to Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) vouchers, Head Start, public preschool programs and tax credits
- Referrals to public resources like health insurance and food assistance
  - 96% help families find child care
  - 80% connect families with social service programs

**CCR&RS BUILD THE SUPPLY OF CHILD CARE**

CCR&Rs recruit and support potential child care businesses to open their doors and keep them open. Strategies include:

- Offering technical assistance on licensing requirements
- Delivering pre-service training
- Facilitating peer learning groups
- Collaborating with the public and private sectors to combine resources
  - 82% help potential child care professionals understand licensing requirements
  - 82% deliver training on health and safety topics required by CCDBG

86% of CCR&Rs work to increase the supply of child care overall.

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CCR&RS IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CHILD CARE

CCR&Rs meet child care professionals and businesses where they are – and support them as they advance on a quality continuum. Strategies include:

• Offering mentoring and coaching
• Developing quality improvement plans
• Conducting trainings
• Connecting child care businesses and professionals to scholarships and grants to increase educational attainment and improve quality
  • 91% provide technical assistance onsite at child care facilities

CCR&RS COLLECT, ANALYZE AND DISSEMINATE DATA

CCR&Rs use comprehensive child care databases to give families referrals to child care providers in their communities. Their extensive reporting is used to:

• Identify underserved populations
• Pinpoint child care supply and demand gaps
• Inform decision-makers
• Fuel important national child care reports, including Child Care Aware® of America’s annual US and the High Cost of Child Care report.

CCR&RS ENGAGE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

CCR&Rs increase the strength of communities by building connections between the public and private sectors.

• 92% of CCR&Rs participate in initiatives that address gaps in child care systems or services.

To find your local CCR&R visit www.usa.childcareaware.org or call 800-424-2246.