

Child Care Resource & Referral Strengthens Minnesota Families and the Economy

The best way to ensure a healthy economy tomorrow is to prepare our future workforce for success. Educators, policymakers and parents agree: Quality early learning is the best way to prepare our youngest citizens for school and life. School age children continue to need quality care. **With current numbers of Minnesota children in child care topping 325,400 and over 13,700 licensed/regulated care facilities operating in the state, child care is a key component of Minnesota's economic, social and educational picture.**

In Minnesota, 76 percent of families use some type of child care.

When Minnesota families cannot find or afford dependable child care their bottom line suffers as does the productivity of the state.

CCR&R helps families find child care and understand their care options, supports child care providers through grants and education, and informs the community on the importance of child care. Last year, 27,079 parents received child care referrals and information on quality through our personalized phone service or through our website, mnchildcare.org.

CCR&R is an important partner in improving care.

- Last year CCR&R sponsored or cosponsored 2,150 trainings and conferences for child care professionals. These sessions were attended by 33,500 child care professionals.
- CCR&R delivered over \$800,000 in grants last year to improve quality in child care.



CCR&R is an essential community partner and information source.

- Last year, 5,717 Family, Friend and Neighbor caregivers received education on caring for children through their local Child Care Resource & Referral agency. Family, Friend and Neighbor caregivers provide legal, unlicensed care for children who are a part of their extended family, neighborhood or circle of friends
- CCR&R staffers created and sustained critical community relationships with over 300 partners across the state. These partnerships ensure that Minnesota communities have the resources needed to address child care issues.



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