



# A LOOK BACK AT FY2019

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## **MISSION**

Child Care Resource Service provides resources, links, and education to build successful families, quality early and school-age care, and strong communities where children matter most.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## A Message from Our Directors

Through the outstanding dedication of CCRS staff, families of the children we serve, child care providers, and strong community partnerships, several achievements were made in the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Highlights include:

- Over 3,200 families per month were assisted with child care expenses through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).
- CCAP guidelines were changed 10/1/2018 to allow for a one year approval with 3 month job search when applicable.
- Over 480 families called to receive child care referrals.
- Grants in the amount of \$189,009 were awarded to child care programs to obtain training, improve program quality, and / or apply for accreditation.
- Just over 250 trainings were offered with 1,805 participants attending.
- CCRS hired 5 new staff bringing the staff total to 33.

CCRS continues to schedule trainings to meet the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) federally mandated trainings on health, safety, and child development for thousands of Illinois licensed and license-exempt Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) providers. Additionally, CCRS makes available computers for providers to take workshops online. Staff provides technical assistance to providers by phone, email, Facebook, online, and face-to-face.

Our work continues in FY20. Additional federal directives will be executed to increase access to quality child care for the children in our communities. Access to quality early care and education allows children to learn and families to work – a formula for **success**.

Together, we can continue to make this happen.

Thank you for all that you do.

Brenda and Bob



# **PROVIDER SERVICES**

## **Provider Database**

As of June 30, 2019, there were a total of 624 facilities on the child care provider database which was just 5 lower than June 30, 2018. Of the 533 licensed facilities, 448 were family child care homes and 85 were child care centers. License-Exempt programs included 89 centers and 2 homes.

## **Training**

- 251 trainings were offered, 79 of those were cancelled
- 172 trainings were held with 1,805 participants earning 3,944 participant hours
- Primary topics included (in hours):
  - Health and Safety (1018)
  - Early Science (153)
  - Guidance and Discipline (88)
  - Child Abuse and Neglect (49)

## **Quality**

Quality and Infant-Toddler consultants work directly with child care providers to improve their quality. The consultants had over 150 activities totaling over 100 hours. This includes 60 face to face consultations around quality.

## **Funding Quality Improvement**

Several provider grants are available to assist child care providers with the quality of their program.

**Individual Professional Development (IPDF)** grants provide up to 80% reimbursement to child care providers for trainings they take. In addition, providers seeking credentials can apply for credential fees.

- 92 applications were received
- 36 applications were approved for workshop/conference reimbursement for \$6,286.60
  - 22 were from Champaign County, 7 from Vermilion County, and 6 from Douglas County
- 47 applications were approved for the credentialing program for \$6,628
  - 30 were from Macon County and 17 from Champaign County
- 9 applications were denied due to the application being incomplete

**Quality Improvement (QI)** Funds are designed to assist child care providers in developing the quality of their programs including their efforts to receive or maintain an ExceleRate Illinois rating. QI funds are done through Cohort grants, Accreditation, and Training Stipends.

### **Cohorts**

- 32 applications received, 27 determined eligible for a total of \$159,483.

### **Accreditation**

- 1 application received for \$296 but found ineligible

### **Training Stipends**

- No applications received

### **License Exempt Health & Safety Improvement Grants**

- Available to assist license exempt providers meet the health and safety requirements
- 70 applications received, 69 approved for \$16,316



## PROVIDER RATES & CAPACITIES

Average Full-Time Weekly Rates for Child Care Centers and Family Child Care (FCC)						
	Infant		Preschool		School-Age (B/A)	
County	Family Child Care	Center	Family Child Care	Center	Family Child Care	Center
Champaign	\$161.12	\$257.68	\$142.95	\$181.66	\$104.04	\$99.13
Douglas	\$136.43	n/a	\$126.54	n/a	\$73.66	n/a
Iroquois	\$121.41	\$120.00	\$112.57	\$96.00	\$65.94	n/a
Macon	\$148.59	\$199.95	\$133.67	\$156.65	\$101.29	\$95.82
Piatt	\$145.00	\$270.00	\$134.29	\$202.00	\$95.82	n/a
Vermilion	\$140.09	\$167.41	\$123.11	\$127.46	\$83.88	\$75



Total Number of Facilities and Capacity by Type of Care Per County						
County	Family Child Care	Total Capacity	Centers	Total Capacity	Total Facilities	Total Capacity
Champaign	248	2,291	99	9,847	347	12,138
Douglas	26	251	4	77	30	328
Iroquois	27	250	7	331	34	581
Macon	53	555	35	3,301	88	3,856
Piatt	12	106	6	364	18	470
Vermilion	84	860	23	1,516	107	2,376
Total	450	4,313	174	15,436	624	19,749

# PARENT SERVICES



## Child Care Referrals - Parents

### Referrals

- 487 families (with a total of 773 children) called for a child care referral.
- The majority of parents (85%) that received referrals had incomes at or below 200% of the state median level.
- Employment was the most common reason for needing care (93%).
- Three percent (3%) were teen parents.
- Just over 100 families received enhanced referrals.

### Problems Parents Have in Searching for Care:

- 42% had no problems
- 19% not enough openings
- 9% schedule conflicts
- 5% cost

### How do Parents find CCRS:

- 24% Another agency
- 24% CCAP client
- 22% Previous user



## Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

The CCAP program is funded through the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) to assist income-eligible families in paying for child care. CCRS administers this program in a six county region which includes Champaign, Douglas, Iroquois, Macon, Piatt, and Vermilion.

Eligibility is based on:

- Illinois Resident
- Be employed and/or attending an eligible educational activity (high school, trade school, undergraduate college.)
- Have children younger than 13 that need care
  - Children with documented special needs may be eligible up to the age of 19
- Have family income below allowable limits (see below) by family size



### Income Eligibility Guidelines per Family Size as of 7/1/2018

Family Size	Applications (185% FPL)	Redeterminations (200% FPL)
	Per Month	Per Month
2	\$2,538	\$2,744
3	\$3,204	\$3,464
4	\$3,870	\$4,184
5	\$4,536	\$4,904
6	\$5,202	\$5,624
7	\$5,868	\$6,344



# CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT RATES

The Child Care Assistance Program Reimbursement Rates are based on (1) Type of Care (Licensed Day Care Home, License-Exempt Day Care Home, Licensed Center, License-Exempt Center); (2) Location of Program, (3) Age of Child; and (4) Full-Day, Part-Day or School-Age Care. Reimbursement rates below for SDA 10 providers effective 4/1/19.

Champaign County			
Type of Care	Under Age 2 Full Day / Part Day	Age 2 Full Day / Part Day	Age 3 and Older Full Day / Part Day School-Age (SA)
Licensed Day Care Center	\$48.47 / \$24.24	\$38.29 / \$19.15	\$28.72 / \$14.36
License Exempt Day Care Center	\$42.23 / \$21.12	\$33.36 / \$16.68	\$25.02 / \$12.51
Licensed FCC / Group Home	\$32.91 / \$16.46	\$30.59 / \$15.30	\$28.08 / \$14.04
Douglas, Iroquois, Macon, Piatt, and Vermilion Counties			
Type of Care	Under Age 2 Full Day / Part Day	Age 2 Full Day / Part Day	Age 3 and Older Full Day / Part Day School-Age (SA)
Licensed Day Care Center	\$34.96 / \$17.48	\$29.67 / \$14.84	\$24.78 / \$12.39
License Exempt Day Care Center	\$30.44 / \$15.22	\$25.86 / \$12.93	\$21.58 / \$10.79
Licensed FCC / Group Home	\$30.64 / \$15.32	\$28.41 / \$14.21	\$26.02 / \$13.01
License-Exempt Home All Counties	\$16.91 / \$8.46		

## Training for Child Care Assistance Program Providers

The 2014 Reauthorization of the Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant stipulated that licensed and license-exempt child care providers/programs funded through the CCAP Program must complete trainings specific to 10 health and safety topics.

IDHS exempted relative school-age only providers from these trainings, cutting down the total providers required to obtain the Health and Safety Trainings. CCRS had just over 900 total programs affected (not including center staff from 60+ programs).

As of 5/1/2019, CCRS had 825 programs with training requirements at a 68.1% completion rate. The highest category of completed programs were licensed family child care providers at 83.7%. License exempt family child care providers were at a completion rate of 58.8% and licensed center programs were at 74.1%



## Health & Safety Monitors

As part of the CCAP Health & Safety requirements, all license exempt child care providers are required to be visited by a CCRS staff member. During this visit the monitor checks a variety of health and safety items. During the past year, there were, on average, 990 paid license exempt child care providers (with the majority being child care homes). Only around 644 were required to complete the trainings and then have a monitoring visit. Multiple attempts were made to engage providers in the process including, on average, 200 mailings and phone calls per month. DHS approved the first visits to occur beginning in December 2018. Monitors completed 191 visits, which does include follow-ups to ensure all health and safety measures were met.

## CCRS IN THE COMMUNITY

- Participated in 75 community organizations including Champaign County Human Service, LAN, SOFTT, Champaign U Kindergarten Readiness, Young Lives/Teen Moms, Homeless Coalition, CAP (Child Abuse Prevention) and Vermilion Advantage
- Participated in 7 community collaborations
- Distributed 1,377 promotional items

## Advisory Board

The CCRS Advisory Board is charged with providing feedback and suggestions about CCRS services as well as providing expertise on issues important to families and children. Members are recruited from the 6 counties we serve. Meetings are held two times per year in both Decatur and Champaign.

## CCRS Staff Management Team

CCAP Program Manager – Chad Slack

CCAP Work Manager – Darrin Nelson

Training Coordinator – Jenny Garinger

Team Manager – Dottie Squire

Director of Operations – Brenda Eastham

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