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A LOOK BACK AT FY 2021



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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

Over 3,500 families assisted per month with child care expenses through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).



Grants in the amount of \$143,443 were awarded to child care programs to obtain training, improve program quality, and/or apply for accreditation.



25 trainings were offered with 346 participants attending. All trainings were held virtually.

## CCRS in the Community

Advisory Board



CCRS collaborates with community organizations including Champaign County Human Service, LAN (Local Area Network), Champaign Urbana Kindergarten Readiness, Young Lives/Teen Moms, Homeless Coalition, CAP (Child Abuse Prevention) and Vermilion Advantage

- Due to Covid-19, community collaborations were limited
- Distributed 303 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 six counties we serve.

### 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

Director of Programs – Dr. Bob Hughes, Jr.



## Health & Safety Monitors



All license-exempt non-relative 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. Because of Covid, health and safety coaches have not been able to conduct monitoring visits. Coaches have contacted child care providers just over 1,270 times throughout the year to discuss health and safety requirements. In addition, coaches dropped off materials over 100 times through no contact visits.



## CCRS ENews

During 2020, Covid-19 made it increasingly difficult to communicate effectively and efficiently with child care providers to share changes and updates in policies, grants, and programs as they occur. Hence, ENews was born. ENews now goes out to approximately 555 providers that include various agencies, licensed, and license-exempt care givers registered with CCRS. ENews carries all the latest information and updates along with some great suggestions for fun activities.

## COVID-19 Impact

COVID-19 altered services offered by CCRS through the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS). Walk-in services in Bevier Hall continued to be closed. The majority of CCRS staff continued to work from home until Spring of 2021 while a few staff remained in Bevier Hall to continue essential operations. Staff at home were able to continue to work including processing CCAP paperwork and answering questions from parents, childcare providers, and community members. IDHS instituted several temporary changes to assist parents and childcare providers during the stay-at-home order. New programs included:

- Child Care Restoration Grants – available to license and licensed exempt centers and licensed childcare homes. These grants are designed to be meaningful financial support to help the early childhood infrastructure weather the storm brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Child Care Restorations Grant program is funded through federal COVID-19 stabilization dollars.
- Providers could submit attendance exemption forms which allowed CCAP to continue to pay for childcare regardless of the programs open/closed status.

# Provider Services

Provider Database, Training, Quality, & Funding Quality Improvement



## Provider Database

As of June 30, 2021, there were a total of 603 facilities on the child care provider database which was 6 less than June 30, 2020. Of the 503 licensed facilities, 422 were family child care homes and 81 were child care centers. License-Exempt programs included 95 centers and 3 homes.

## Training

- 25 trainings were offered; 2 of those were cancelled
- 23 trainings were held with 346 participants earning 664 participant hours

## Quality

- Quality and Infant-Toddler consultants work directly with child care providers to improve the quality of their programs. The consultants conducted over 570 activities, totaling over 192 hours. This includes 41 face-to-face consultations related to quality of programs.

Number of Facilities & Spaces by Type of Care and County

	FCC*	Spaces	Centers	Spaces	Facilities	Spaces
Champaign	235	2,089	106	11,056	342	14,336
Douglas	22	195	6	207	28	402
Iroquois	26	261	4	236	30	497
Macon	51	485	34	3,051	85	3,536
Piatt	14	123	6	269	20	392
Vermilion	76	769	19	1,157	95	1,926
Total	424	3,922	175	15,976	600	21,089

\*Family Child Care





# Provider Rates & Capacities



## Average Cost of Care per Week

	6 Counties Served	Statewide
FT Infant	\$167.10	\$201.29
FT Toddler	\$159.98	\$192.54
FT Two Year Old	\$160.44	\$190.12
FT Preschool (3's and 4's)	\$146.76	\$174.82
FT Preschool (5's and K's)	\$105.75	\$98.41
FT School-Age	\$83.79	\$120.08

### Funding Quality Improvement

**Individual Professional Development (IPDF)** grants are available to assist child care providers with up to 80% of the costs of continuing education. In addition, providers can apply for assistance with credential fees. The number of trainings and, therefore, applications was affected by Covid-19. In FY20, we received over 100 applications.

- 23 applications were received in FY21
- 17 applications were approved for a total of \$3,060.80

**First Aid/CPR** Funds are to reimburse child care providers 100% of the costs associated with the First Aid/CPR training. First Aid/CPR is a requirement for health and safety.

- 77 applications were received
- 70 applications were approved for a total of \$12,626.99

**Quality Improvement (QI)** Funds are designed to assist child care providers to improve the quality of their programs. This includes their efforts to receive or maintain a Circle of Quality Illinois rating.

### Cohorts

37 applications were received; 30 were determined eligible for a total of \$127, 755.

# Parent Services

Child Care Referrals &  
Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)



## Child Care Referrals

- 514 families (with a total of 790 children) called for a referral.
- 87% of parents receiving referrals had incomes at or below 200% of the state median level.
- Employment was the most common reason given for needing care (97%).
- One percent (1%) of callers were teen parents.

## How do Parents find CCRS?

- 31% CCAP client
- 17% Friend / Relative
- 16% Another Agency

## Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

The CCAP program is funded through Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) to assist income-eligible families in paying for childcare. 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 by family size

### Income Eligibility Guidelines per Family Size as of 7/01/2020

Family Size	Applications (200% FPL)	Redetermination (225% FPL)
2	\$2,874	\$3,233
3	\$3,620	\$4,073
4	\$4,367	\$4,913
5	\$5,114	\$5,753