

Finding and Accessing Quality Child Care

Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies-Your Child Care Experts

During COVID-19, finding child care, paying for child care and deciding whether or not to send your little ones to child care can be more challenging than normal. Your local Child Care Resource & Referral Agency offers a variety of services and information for families to address these issues.

COVID-19 Family Scholarships

Parents and guardians, you may have children that cannot return to child care or school during the pandemic due to special circumstances. \$4,000 scholarships are available to help off-set the cost of in-home care during this time. Contact your local CCRR today!

Special Circumstances might include, but are not limited to:

- Compromised health of a household member.
- Children with special needs who are not able to be in school under these conditions or now need additional support with remote learning.
- Foster families, kinship families needing respite or extra in home, remote learning support.
- No group care available in rural area.
- Unique work schedules.

Finding Child Care

Regional child care resource and referral programs can help you find child care.

Contact a referral specialist at one of our member offices directly to find child care in your area to meet your needs. Our member organizations maintain a referral database with information about area child care programs to help you search. We encourage every parent to contact the child care licensur in your area about all facilities being considered. All child care resource and referral offices can help you know what to look for when considering child care programs. Our members have information on child development, quality child care, and more!

Paying for Child Care

The Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship is a program that helps working families pay for child care.

Available from every child care resource and referral office in Montana, the scholarship is available to working families whose income is at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines, or who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Families receiving the scholarship must use licensed, registered, or legally certified child care, and participate in the cost of child care by paying a monthly copayment based on income.

Find your local CCR&R at mtchildcare.org