

Navigators

the Navigators communicate with providers, employees, current ECE students, helping with the FASFA and ECACE application process.

The Navigators also offer onsite visits, info sessions and other technical assistance to providers & employees within our SDA, while offering onsite meetings and info sessions.

For more information call our navigator team for assistance enrolling, and succeeding in higher education..



Contact: Ann Anderson
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Core Services

CCR&R is committed to supporting the professional growth of every provider, recognizing that programs and educators have different needs. To effectively serve all counties, CCR&R collaborates with more than 50 consultants who bring expertise across a wide range of early childhood topics, including positive behavior strategies, active play, mindfulness, and toilet learning.

We also support pathways from higher education to meet Illinois Gateways credential requirements and ExceleRate Illinois Circles of Quality standards. All training and support services are offered at no cost.

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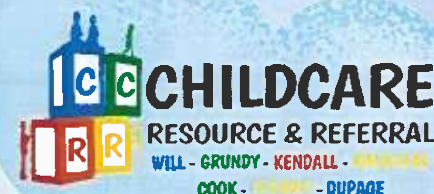


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CCR&R is a nonprofit agency providing services to families, child care providers, and employers. We promote and facilitate the availability of affordable, quality child care through assistance, education and advocacy in Will, Grundy, Kendall, Kankakee, Iroquois, DuPage and Southern Cook counties since 1991.





Open Enrollment!



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Our mission is to provide a comprehensive approach to advancing change throughout our service communities by offering ongoing advocacy, resources, assistance and educational support to all families, childcare providers, and early childhood educators. We promote stronger community engagement by fostering dignity, inclusiveness, and culturally responsive practices that help develop healthier and happier families.

By supporting us, you will help to ensure that we are able to continue providing many vital programs and services to the children, families, early childhood educators, and child care providers in Will, Grundy, Kendall, Kankakee, Iroquois, and Cook Counties. Donations and charitable giving information can be provided by contacting our office 815.741.1163

Recruiting for Professional Positions in Early Childhood Education



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Early Learning Program

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The Early Learning Program is all about supporting children and families through comprehensive early childhood education and family services.

This includes:

- High-quality early education for infants, toddlers, and preschool children.
- Safe and nurturing learning environments.
- School readiness and developmental support.
- Family engagement and parent leadership opportunities.
- Health, nutrition, and developmental screenings.
- Connections to community resources and family support services.
- Full-day, full-year care options for eligible families.

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CCAP

Through our partnership with the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) administers subsidized childcare services through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).

Our Eligibility Specialists and Support Specialist help families by processing applications, redeterminations, provider changes, and updates to family information, while also addressing questions and concerns throughout the process. ☎ 815.741.4622



Parent Referral

The Parent Referral Specialist assists and counsels families to meet their individual childcare needs of the entire family. Families can contact the referral specialist to receive assistance with provider referrals for childcare, diapers, baby products and other specialized services within our counties. They also share information on provider services to families who are in need of specialized services for their children.

☎ **Contact: Amy Lake**
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Let us Connect You With the Right Resources

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CCAP)



CCAP is a government initiative that provides financial assistance to help low-income, working, or student families pay for childcare.

📞 815-741-4622

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS



Individual Professional Development Funds (IPDF) are offered by local CCR&R agencies to support individuals in their professional development and credentialing processes in early care and education and school-age care.

Alexandria Smith - asmith@childcarehelp.com

PARENT REFERRAL SPECIALIST



Professional who helps families navigate and find child care options, resources and assistance to parents, families and childcare providers.

📞 815-741-1179

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION



Provides technical assistance on becoming a licensed family child care provider in your home. Updates your program information on CCRR referral database

Debra Well - dwells@childcarehelp.com

PROVIDER TRAININGS



Provide trainings for child care providers to meet DCFS training requirements.

Training Coordinator: Alexandria Smith
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CCAP HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING



Works with license exempt child care programs to insure they have completed the required CCAP Health, Safety and Child Development Training requirements and conduct health and safety monitoring visits.

Health & Safety Coach
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Health & Safety Coach Supervisor
Debra Wells - dwells@childcarehelp.com

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUNDS



QI Funds are designed to assist child care programs to improve program quality and achieve/advance an ExceleRate Illinois Circle of Quality or a Quality Counts Quality Rating System star level.

Quality Specialist - Fayeza Waris
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EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM



Provides educational and developmental support services for children from 6wks to age five through our partnerships and state funded programs..

- Early Head Start
- Preschool for All (PFA)
- Preschool for ALL Expansion (PFAE)
- Preventative Initiative (PI)

Locations: Joliet, Crest Hill, Plainfield, Bolingbrook, Richton Park, Park Forest, University Park, Harvey, Dolton, Chebanse, Bourbonnais, and Kankakee

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INFANT TODDLER DEVELOPMENT



Our Infant Toddler Specialist provide coaching, resources, and support to help strengthen the quality of care for children from birth to age 3.

Infant Toddler Specialist - Karen McCalister
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