

Annual Report

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Child Care Resource and Referral

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What Does Your Child Care Resource and Referral Do?

Assist families by providing a highly visible, centralized source of information for child care consumers;

Identify sources of financial aid to help families pay for their child care choices;

Improve the quality of available services by providing a broad range of support services to providers, including training, technical assistance, and publicity;

Expand the supply of child care by recruiting and training new providers;

Educate parents about high-quality child care and how to evaluate their child care arrangements on an ongoing basis.





Delaware Opportunities Inc. was awarded 111,689.00 from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to provide Child Care Resource and Referral Services (CCR&R) for the period of July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020. An additional 12,500.00 was secured for Infant Toddler services. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act brought thousands of dollars and supplies to the CCR&R for distribution to child care providers and families in need. Financial Information about the total agency budget, individual programs, and projects is available on the Delaware Opportunities website. <http://delawareopportunities.org>

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

One on one parenting education was given to 137 families with 200 children searching for child care

78 units of technical assistance and 10.5 hours of training was given to child care providers and to families to improve the quality of care for infants and toddlers

Over 2220 units of technical assistance were given to child care providers, parents, and community members

15 hours of Health and Safety training was presented and completed by 3 persons from 2 programs applying for a New York State registration to provide child care

65 families with 85 children received assistance with their child care costs

35 families with 57 children received CARES scholarship funding, 12 child care programs served CARES scholarship families, 23 child care programs received supplies through the CARES Act funding

5 hours of individual enhanced technical assistance was given to 3 child care programs to improve quality of care

20 family based child care providers participated in the Child and Adult Care Food program promoting healthy eating for children in their care

Start up grants were given to 3 child care programs applying for a New York State license or registration to provide child care

Enrolled, maintained, and approved 50 legally exempt child care providers caring for children of families receiving subsidized care

Data was collected and shared which supports and informs employers, parents, providers and the Delaware County Community about important State and Federal child care topics and initiatives

The Child Care Supply in Delaware County as of 12/2020

Number of facilities listed by type

Day Care Centers	5
Head Start Centers	8
Family Day Care	16
Group Family Day Care	6
School Age Programs	4
Legally Exempt enrolled providers	12

Child care program combined total capacity by type as stated on the facility registration or license

Family DC: 96 children 6 wks. to 12 years old and 32 school age

Group Family: 72 children 6 wks. to 12 years old and 24 school age

Day Care Centers: located in Davenport, Delhi, Deposit, Sidney and Walton. 55 Infants, 64 toddlers, 169 preschoolers, 91 school age

Head Start Centers: 207 preschool age children Located in Arkville, Davenport, Delhi, Deposit, Fishes Eddy, Franklin, Sidney and Walton

School Age Programs: 170 school age children in Hancock and 64 in Walton

Definitions of child care types

- DCC=Day Care Center – provide care to an enrolled group of 7 or more children at a facility other than a personal residence. Maximum capacity is driven by square footage allowance.
- FDC=Family Day Care Home – provide care to more than 2 non-relative children in a residence. Max. capacity: 8 children/ caregiver.
- GFDC=Group Family Day Care Home – provide care to more than 2 non-relative children in a residence. Maximum capacity: 16 children / 2 caregivers.
- SACC=School Age Child Care – provide care to an enrolled group of 7 or more children in a non-residence facility outside normal school hours. Maximum capacity is driven by square footage allowance.
- LE=Legally Exempt Enrolled - providers of subsidized child care services, who are not required to be licensed or registered, but who meet minimum health and safety standards required for enrollment.

COVID-19 pandemic reveals how critical child care is to workers

When the COVID-19 pandemic arrived, some child care businesses closed in response to the drop in demand for care, and some programs had to reduce the number of children served due to safety requirements.

Child care providers that remained open needed to change some practices to maintain safe environments for children during the pandemic. Providers have stated, the cost to implement these practices is high, and the most significant cost to day care centers is implementing and maintaining the smaller child-to-staff ratios necessary to limit potential virus exposure for children and staff members.

As a result, fewer child care options were available and essential workers found it difficult to locate child care. Child care programs found it difficult to meet the costs of operating their child care business.

At the same time, state and local governments identified child care as a key service for frontline workers with young children. In response, Federal and State government began efforts to keep a sufficient number of child care businesses operating.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act brought thousands of dollars for essential workers to pay for the cost of child care. Supplies, such as hand sanitizer, masks, wipes, gloves and other items were distributed to child care providers through the CCR&Rs in New York. Funding through loans and grants were also available to child care programs for operational expenses to help sustain child care businesses. The CCR&R staff informed and assisted programs to obtain these available resources.

How Can You Help Make a Difference for Children?

- Support working families by advocating for additional money for child care subsidies
- Support funding for after school programs
- Support funding for Child Care Resource and Referral services
- Support funding to increase the quality in child care programs
- Represent or give voice about concerns and interests of children in child care

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