

CCR&RS ARE THE EYES AND EARS OF AMERICA'S CHILD CARE SYSTEM

Located in 47 states, Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agencies increase access to high-quality, affordable child care by serving as a resource hub for families, child care professionals and communities.

CCR&RS HELP FAMILIES FIND QUALITY CHILD CARE

CCR&Rs help take the guesswork out of choosing child care. They increase family engagement and access to quality, affordable child care. CCR&Rs serve as a single point of access for:

- Child care referrals and consumer education
- Child care financial assistance programs
- Child care, Head Start, and preschool programs
- Services for children with special needs
- 96% help families find child care

CCR&RS SUPPORT CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

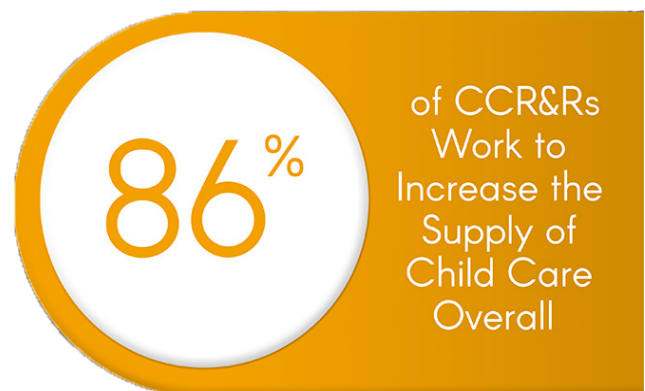
CCR&Rs meet child care professionals and businesses where they are – and support them as they advance on a quality continuum. Strategies include:

- Offering mentoring and coaching
- Developing quality improvement plans
- Connecting child care businesses and professionals to scholarships and grants to increase educational attainment and improve quality
 - 91% provide technical assistance onsite at child care facilities
 - 86% work to increase the supply of child care

CCR&RS SUPPORT THE WHOLE CHILD

CCR&Rs not only prioritize placing children in safe, high-quality child care settings, but take a Whole Child approach to supporting children and families. Strategies include:

- Connecting families to services such as health insurance and food assistance programs
 - 80% connect families with social service programs
- Linking new providers to program supports, including the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- 30% serve as CACFP Sponsors



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CCR&RS SUPPORT CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CCDBG) IMPLEMENTATION

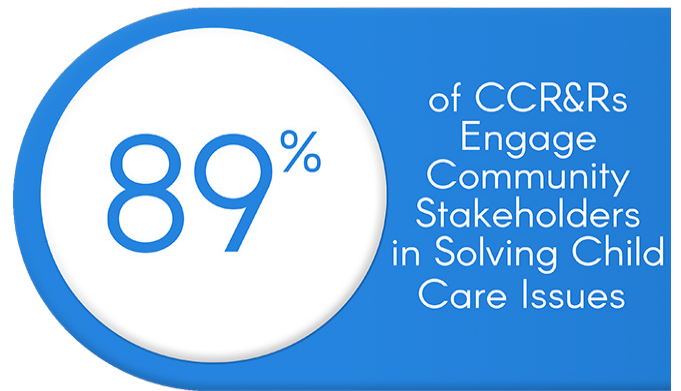
CCR&Rs provide coordination and leadership for a state's child care system and improve the quality and consistency of services for parents, providers and communities. As a result, most CCR&Rs are vital resources for successful CCDBG implementation.

- 100% of local CCR&Rs are supported in part by CCDBG funding
- 82% deliver training on health and safety topics required by CCDBG
- 51% administer child care financial assistance programs

CCR&RS COLLECT, ANALYZE AND DISSEMINATE DATA

CCR&Rs maintain comprehensive child care databases to report on child care supply, demand, cost and quality. Their extensive data is used to:

- Identify underserved populations
- Pinpoint child care supply and demand gaps
- Inform decision-making at the state and local levels
- Fuel important national child care reports, including Child Care Aware® of America's annual US and the High Cost of Child Care report.

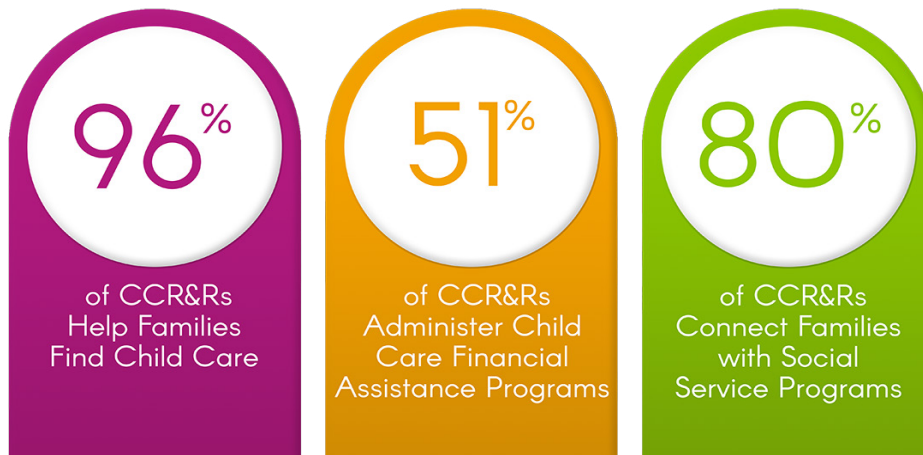


CCR&RS ENGAGE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

CCR&Rs strengthen communities by building connections within their communities. Strategies include:

- Serving as an intermediary between Head Start/Pre-K and child care communities
- Facilitating public/ private sectors partnerships to increase investments in child care
- 89% engage community stakeholders in solving child care issues

To find your local CCR&R visit www.usa.childcareaware.org or call [800-424-2246](tel:800-424-2246).



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