

Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

Most areas of the United States are served by one or more Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, or CCR&Rs. One of the functions of a CCR&R is to help families find child care that meets their needs by providing referrals to regulated child care programs. However, many CCR&Rs also work with child care programs to provide support and resources. They may have many tools for your business and professional development needs. Your local CCR&R will be an important partner for you and your center before, during and after the licensing process.

Take a moment to find your local CCR&R agency [here](#). Record the contact information below so that you can return to it if you need assistance or have questions.

Name of Child Care Resource and Referral Agency

Contact Person

Phone Number

Email

Child Care Licensing Office

A second key resource for the start-up process is your state or local child care licensing office, especially if your area is not served by a local CCR&R. You can reach out to your child care licensing office with many of your start-up questions. Find your licensing office contact information [here](#). Choose your state, then click the Child Care tab to find the licensing resource. Record the contact information below for future use.

Child Care Licensing Contact

Licensing Office Phone Number

Licensing Website

Becoming familiar with the aspects of a child care center and your local supports is helpful as you prepare to get started. However, the following resource will be important to help you evaluate why you want to start a child care business.