










What Are Child Care Resource and Referral Services?




Resources for families

-  **Child care referrals.** Free referrals of licensed child care facilities matching the needs of the family (location, type of facility, hours of operation, accepts subsidy and more)
-  **Child development information.** Information regarding the importance of children being in high quality child care and tips on how to find one
-  **Human services referrals.** Referrals to additional family services, including financial assistance for paying for child care
-  **FFN supports.** Services for family members, friends, and neighbors who care for children, including community play and learn groups
-  **Advocacy.** Information for those interested in learning more or advocating for early learning




Resources for child care providers

-  **Provider training.** The state's largest purveyor of community-based, STARS approved training
-  **Provider consultation.** Onsite consultations that provide tips for improving the quality of a provider's facility, including research-based strategies for dealing with challenging behaviors
-  **WA Scholarships.** WA Scholarships is the state's only comprehensive higher education scholarship program for child care professionals. Provides funding for tuition, books, travel, release time, and increased compensation once the provider has earned a degree/certificate.
-  **Provider organizing.** Information and networking regarding public policy and advocacy efforts

Resources for communities

-  **Community-building.** Local programs bring together coalitions to raise awareness and foster partnerships for improving the early learning system at the grassroots level
-  **Streamline resources.** Collaborations leverage federal, state, local, private, volunteer, and in-kind resources
-  **Public awareness.** Local programs coordinate public awareness activities, drawing attention to the importance of quality care for our youngest children

Resources for policy makers

-  **Data collection and analysis.** Local programs collect child care supply and demand data that is analyzed and disseminated by the Network office. Data reports are available at both the state and county levels.
-  **Public policy.** Resource and referral staff work with policy makers on the federal, state, and local levels to ensure that effective policies are implemented
-  **Community information.** Local programs serve as a communication hub for parents, providers, policymakers and other early learning stakeholders