



Region K Child Care Resource & Referral

A Snapshot of Child Care Resource & Referral Services in Your Community



Region K Counties

Stevens, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Lincoln, Whitman, Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, and Walla Walla

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Region K is part of Community-Minded Enterprises in partnership with WSU-Pullman and Walla Walla Community College. CCR&R Region K's primary function is to help parents locate quality care in a nine county region that includes: Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Lincoln, Walla Walla and Whitman counties. We are able to effectively reach parents with staff centrally located throughout the region in Spokane, Pullman and Walla Walla.

Each office has staff that has been specially trained to work with parents in identifying what type of child care environment will be best for their son or daughter, be it at a center or in home care. We realize that choosing childcare can be a daunting task for parents and guardians, so we listen carefully to their needs in one-on-one sessions and help guide them in selecting quality child care.

In addition, we offer curriculum and learning expertise to childcare teachers. We are dedicated to supporting the men and women who have chosen as their career caring for the children of our region. We do that in a number of ways, including training and one-on-one coaching. This past fall one of our coaches worked with LaRae Wiley, as she launched the Spokane Salish School. Wiley told us her time with her coach, "... was really helpful."

Services Provided in Years 2009 & 2010

Serving Families

Families Served: **4,407**
88% were low income families

Toll-free telephone support to locate child care: **3,120 hours**

Families using internet referrals: **50**

Serving Child Care Facilities

Training in: Business, Child Guidance, Curriculum, Teaching Strategies: **540 hours**

Technical assistance calls: **3,200**

Onsite consultation: **880 hours**

Toll free telephone support: **2,860 hours**

Serving Communities

CCR&R fielded numerous community technical assistance calls dealing with child care trends, data, subsidies, early learning coalitions, community outreach and education on early learning. The total number of calls was **6,371**

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Community Partnerships

Child Care Resource & Referral – Region K is made up of nine counties in Eastern Washington. We are based in Spokane with satellite offices in Pullman and Walla Walla. We work hard to build and strengthen partnerships across the entire region so that families in both urban and rural communities get the support they need.

One way we do that is by working with local coalitions dedicated to early learning. In Northeastern Washington, we work with Inland Northwest Early Learning Alliance. In Whitman County, we partner with Palouse Coalition for Early Learning, and in Southeast Washington, our Walla Walla office works with the Walla Walla Early Learning Coalition.

This past year, CCR&R Region K reached families with a number of new and exciting partnerships:



Reach Out and Read Washington - In 2010, we worked with Reach Out, whose mission is to provide books free of charge to children ages 6 months to five years at well child doctor visits. We were instrumental in expanding the program in rural communities like Deer Park, Cusick and Wellpinit, as well as raising money to buy books. We also established a reading room for patients at a low-income dental clinic that serves children in Spokane.

Culture of Literacy – This program worked with libraries in Stevens, Pend Oreille, Ferry and Lincoln counties to provide themed activity bags with an assortment of books to children 2-5 years old. The program was a huge success. Libraries told us they had a hard time keeping them on the shelves.

Play & Learn at the Libraries – Another program we are excited about and that continues to grow is our play and learn groups with libraries in the region. This free program offers anyone with small children birth to 5 years old two hours of stories, songs and finger plays followed by activities that explore the concepts of math, science, art and literacy.

We are grateful to have such strong partners throughout our region. As we move into 2011, our goal is to strengthen existing relationships and look for opportunities to work with other family-oriented organizations.

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