



CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCIES (CCR&Rs)

The workforce behind the child care workforce

ABOUT US

Early Care & Learning Council (ECLC) is the membership agency for the New York State Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) network. Together, ECLC and CCR&Rs advocate for a quality, affordable, equitable early care and education system, providing a range of services, resources and technical assistance to child care providers statewide. ECLC is the hub for the state CCR&R network, providing resources and strategic thinking, all geared toward building sustainable early care and education systems throughout the state.



CCR&Rs

Child care is essential. Without it, both businesses and families suffer economically. As we witnessed throughout the pandemic, for parents to participate in the workforce, they require access to affordable, safe care for their children. Federal funds, flowing through NYS OCFS, kept many child care programs open, and it was the CCR&R network that made sure programs accessed funds. CCR&Rs were the pipeline for critically important resources and information on COVID, regulations and best practices for safe operation of programs.

FAMILIES

For thousands of parents, child care providers and employers throughout New York State, CCR&Rs are a key support in navigating the complex child care delivery system. CCR&Rs, funded through OCFS, served their communities by helping more than 32,000 families find quality, affordable child care.

At a time when access to affordable, quality child care is profoundly restricted for working families, CCR&Rs are an integral part of how communities support quality child care systems.



FUNDING

Funding levels have failed to keep up with the cost of the services CCR&Rs provide, triggering an inability to compete for essential staff, including Parent Counselors, Provider Education Specialists, Infant Toddler Specialists, Mental Health Consultants, Referral Specialists and other skilled professionals needed to effectively support and grow child care programs.

INCREASES VITAL TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF PARENTS, FAMILIES, PROVIDERS AND EMPLOYERS ACROSS NEW YORK STATE:

INCREASE CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL CONTRACTS (INCLUDING REGISTRATION CONTRACTS)

\$7.9 million to cover increasing costs to staff the network of 35 CCR&Rs and ECLC who train over 17,000 child care providers serving 400,000 children in NYS.



MAINTAIN AND INTEGRATE TA POSITIONS: \$6.5 MILLION ANNUALLY

These positions are essential to the on-going survival of child care businesses throughout our state. Without a widespread adoption of stronger business strategies, providers are at risk of financial instability and closing their doors, contributing to an even greater shortage of child care in NY State.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: \$4 MILLION ANNUALLY

Funding to increase services to child care providers and children to ensure that our youngest children get off to the start that they deserve with nurturing and responsive child care settings, prompt identification of developmental and behavioral challenges, and timely referrals and receipt of additional services.



DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION AND BELONGING (DEIB) TRAINERS:

\$5.5 million annually to mitigate and address racism and unconscious bias in the early care and learning system. ECLC is looking to expand the training for CCR&Rs and child care providers to create an equitable child care system.



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