



Florida's Child Care Resource and Referral

Why is early child care important?

The first five years of your child's life are when the foundations for learning, health and behavior are developed. As your child's first teacher, you can prepare them for lifetime success by providing a safe, stable and loving environment. Whether you need information on community resources or help finding child care, contact the Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) program.

In Florida, the Division of Early Learning (DEL) partners with 30 regional early learning coalitions throughout the state to help families connect with resources. Each coalition has a local CCR&R team that can help you find quality child care and connect you with community resources.

Child care is an important part of helping parents manage their responsibilities. If you are a parent with questions about child care, CCR&R can help.

CCR&R is free for any family living in or moving to Florida.

How does CCR&R help families?

- Informs families on how to identify quality child care environments.
- Maintains a database of legally operating child care providers.
- Offers customized child care listings that best meet each family's needs.
- Helps families with the School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten application process.
- Educates families about a child's basic needs, financial assistance options, community resources and other agencies that support family well-being.
- Connects families to specialists and resources for supporting children with special needs.
- Shares resources that support the needs of military families.

How do I receive CCR&R assistance?

Contact your local early learning coalition. Visit the <u>Division of Early Learning</u> website for the <u>Early Learning</u> <u>Coalition directory</u> and ask for CCR&R.

CCR&R is available to every family in Florida, with financial assistance opportunities available for income-eligible families.

You may access the above links to the website and coalition directory using the QR codes on the back.



Link to DEL Website



Link to Early Learning Coalitions Directory