



Vision

To provide leadership in building high quality, community based access to child care and early learning that enhances health, safety, permanency, well-being, and self-sufficiency for Kentucky's children and families.



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- To get help finding a child care provider, contact the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency in your area by calling (817) 316-3552 or visit <http://kentuckypartnership.org/ccrr>
- To apply for financial assistance for child care, visit <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dcc/>
- For information about training and professional development contact the Division of Child Care at (800) 421-1903, or visit <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dcc/>
- For information about licensing and certification contact the Division of Regulated Child Care at (502) 564-7962



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Purpose

A nationally recognized Division comprised of a highly skilled workforce that:

- Increases available quality child care that is developmentally appropriate, affordable, health, and safe;
- Provides access to early care and education, and support to early care professionals throughout the state;
- Engages families and community partners in collaborative decision making for early care and education
- Provides safe child care services which support stability and self-sufficiency of families;
- Utilizes technological resources to promote the improvement of outcomes in child care;
- Expands data collection and management systems that allow for evidence based management decisions.



Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) – This program provides access to quality child care that allows parents to work, to attend education and training programs, and to participate in the Kentucky Temporary Assistance Program (K-TAP).

Parents may choose one of three types of providers: licensed, certified or registered. There are over 6,500 providers who provide child care services to eligible families in Kentucky. A statewide network is managed by the state to determine eligibility and provide financial support for child care to eligible families. There are contracted service agents in the counties to help administer the program.

Core Community-Based Child Care Services – These services are provided by a statewide network of child resource and referral agencies through a contract with the University of Kentucky, Human Development Institute.

The locally based agencies provide families and businesses with consumer education to identify high quality care, referrals to existing care and information about resources to make care affordable. The local CCR&R agencies are a key resource to providing early care and education to professionals through training and technical assistance.

Quality Initiatives - There are two initiatives that are critical to improving outcomes for children.

The **STARS for KIDS NOW** program is a voluntary quality rating system to identify child care centers and homes that go beyond licensing and certification requirements.

The Division of Child Care offers a variety of **Professional Development** opportunities for early care and education professionals. A credentialing system has been developed to promote the quality of Professional Development.

- The Commonwealth Child Care Credential
- Early Care and Education Trainer’s Credential
- The Director’s Credential
- Child Development Associate Credential Non-College Scholarship Program
- Milestone Awards
- Related Educational Awards

