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Child Care

Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions families make and it can be difficult to find reliable information about your child care options. Child Care Resource and Referral can assist with that task by providing families with referrals to local child care providers, information on state licensing requirements, and information on choosing quality child care.

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) is a non-regulatory, non-enforcement program that works in communities to promote quality child care and increase the availability of child care professionals. CCR&R also assists new child care providers with the start-up process, helps them meet licensing requirements, and offers low-cost or free trainings in a variety of topics that include child development, health & safety, and business practices. We also offer ongoing support through technical assistance, a resource lending library, newsletter, and Story Time Express visits.

There is a range of child care options and below is some basic information that can help a family choose the highest quality child care that best fits their needs.

Exempt – Providers can legally watch up to 3 children at a time (not including their own). They are not regulated by the state but can be fined if over numbers.

License – Exempt Recorded Child Care – Preschool & school age programs that operate fewer than four hours per day. Must comply with background checks.

Regulated Subsidy Providers – Providers that accept subsidy payments through DHS. Must meet health & safety standards, comply with background checks, are regularly monitored by the state, and participate in ongoing training.

Registered Family Child Care – Home-based child care program with up to 10 children. **Certified Family Care Homes** – Home-based child care programs with up to 16 children. **Certified Child Care Centers** – Center-based child care program with more than 13 children.

The above providers must meet higher health, safety, and program standards (on-site inspection); comply with background checks, are regularly monitored and participate in on going trainings.

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Spark is a statewide program from Oregon's Early Learning Division that raises the quality and consistency of child care and early learning programs across the state. Eligible providers must submit a portfolio that documents their achievement in meeting high standards in foundational areas that have been proven to have a positive impact on young children's lives.

If you are interested in becoming a child care provider or have questions about quality child care, please contact Megan at Child Care Resource and Referral: 530 E. Main St., #6, John Day, 541-575-1112. mbrandsma@umchs.org

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