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Message:

DHS partners with local Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies around the state. The CCR&Rs educate parents about the ways quality child care enriches their children and helps families find quality care in their local communities.

Please refer your Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) Program clients to your local CCR&R! These valuable resource agencies are listed in the [DHS Parent Guide](#) and can be found online at <http://www.oregonchildcare.org/>.

Our ERDC Program helps low-income, working families access quality, affordable child care. The intent is to help parents maintain employment and for the child care experience to contribute to the healthy emotional and social development of the child.

Oregon and the nation are focusing more on measuring the quality of child care and your efforts to link clients to local CCR&Rs are important. Recent research gives us a clear picture of how children learn and grow in the early years when the brain is forming connections that determine a lifetime of skills and potential. The ERDC subsidy and access to high-quality child care through the CCR&Rs are important tools and resources for families seeking the best care experience for their children.

Oregon State University research has shown that families receiving ERDC subsidies have access to better quality care than families who were unable to get help. The research showed that:

- When a parent has a subsidy, the primary provider is two times more likely to be a center and five times more likely to be a regulated, nonrelative caregiver;
- Parents cited the child care provider's education and ability to support learning as the highest priority when selecting subsidized care; this was not the case for parents who chose unsubsidized providers.

For Employment Related Day Care questions, please contact [CHILDCARE POLICY](#) or childcare.policy@state.or.us

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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