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Children's Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County

FAMILY SERVICES:

Resource and Referral

Provide individualized referrals to parents for childcare. CRR maintains the countywide database of all licensed providers.

Child Development Lending Library

This is a no-cost library, filled with many educational toys, books, videos, and instructional materials that can be borrowed for two weeks at a time.

Trustline Registry

CRR provides families with assistance with performing their own background check through a statewide program called TrustLine. TrustLine checks for criminal convictions and substantiated child abuse reports.

Emergency Child Care Bridge Program

The Bridge Program addresses lack of child care as a barrier for families otherwise willing to bring a foster child into their home, and for parenting foster youth. It provides vouchers for child care and child care navigator services for families as well as Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) training and coaching for child care providers to enhance their ability to provide nurturing and safe environments for children. CRR has four (4) certified TIC Trainers whom are serving hundreds of Child Care Sites county-wide.

Alternative Payment Program/CalWORKS

Funded by the State of California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP) reimburses the child care costs for parents while they are engaged in a qualifying activity such as; work, school, job seeking or other approved activity identified in the California Education Code. CRR currently serves about six-hundred (600) families through CAPP.

Family Strengthening

Through the implementation of Parent Café's and Resilient Father's Café's, CRR is able to reach families, engage in meaningful dialog and make long-term, impacting change in the community. CRR utilizes the Five Protective Factors and the ACT Early Learn the Signs curriculum and materials.

PROVIDER SERVICES:

Steps to Quality Network

Steps to Quality Network is a continual support system through networking and building relationships in the Child Care Community with other like-minded business owners. CRR builds this community through Professional Development trainings for CCIP and QCC Participants that include peer networking. The development of these strong Family Child Care networks is not a new paradigm but rather an invigorating approach to build on the inherent knowledge, experience, and leadership within the oftentimes isolated field of family child care.





“We believe all children deserve access to high quality child care, in nurturing and respectful environments.”

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Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP)

Designed to recruit and train Family Child Care Providers in order to address the shortage of licensed quality child care in Santa Barbara County. CRR's Quality Specialist's support and assist Potential Providers with the licensing process and by evaluating their home environment to ensure that it meets licensing standards. Participation in the project requires that a Potential Child Care Provider attend a total of 25 training hours.

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)/ Quality Counts

CRR currently has fifty (50) Family Child Care Providers actively participating in Quality Counts Santa Barbara. Research shows that “high quality, intensive early care and education programs for low-income children can have lasting positive effects such as greater school success, higher graduation rates, lower juvenile crime, decreased need for special education services later and lower adolescent pregnancy rates.” Quality Early



Childhood Education and Child Care from Birth to Kindergarten, (Pediatrics Vol. 115 No. 1 January 1, 2005, pp. 187 -191.) With a highly developed quality model in place such as QRIS, CRR is able to make these positive outcomes, a reality.

National Accreditation

National Associations for Family Child Care Accreditation is a process in Family Child Care to identify exemplary practices by a particular family child care program. Santa Barbara County has twenty (20) Accredited Family Child Care Providers and was recognized by NAFCC as their Accreditation Project of the Year in 2018, making up 40% of the FCC's participating in Quality Counts.

Child Development Conference

The Annual Child Development Conference brings together early childhood educators, program administrators, students, and advocates to explore the latest evidence-based and best practices to support the mission for high-quality early learning experiences. With a focus on empowering early childhood professionals and caregivers with fresh ideas and insights to participate in and facilitate the highest quality professional development.

