

FACT SHEET

Child Care Resource and Referral



THE ROLE OF CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL ENTITIES

Child Care Resource and Referrals (CCR&Rs) are regional entities funded by the Early Learning Division to recruit and retain child care businesses, both home and center-based, to help build the supply of high quality child care across Oregon. CCR&Rs offer comprehensive supports to early educators to empower them to provide high quality, developmentally appropriate services to children and families.

CCR&Rs play a vital role in supporting early educators by:

- Helping early educators navigate the early learning system
- Directing or providing access to financial supports for early educators
- Building business practices through technical assistance and training
- Creating individualized, goal-based professional development plans
- Providing free or low-cost professional learning opportunities in multiple languages
- Engaging early educators in Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System (known as Spark)

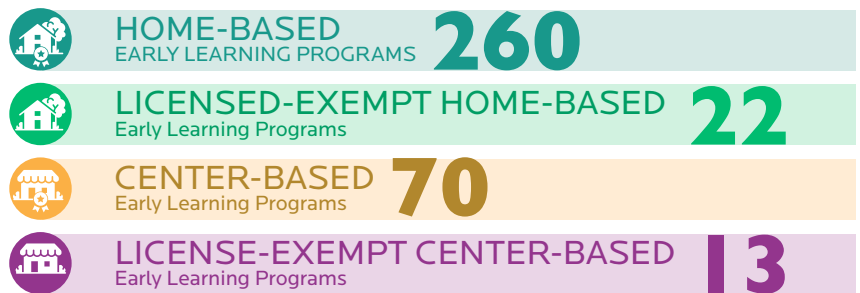
211info Child Care provides statewide child care referrals to families in multiple languages offered by email, phone or text messaging. Families looking for child care online can access Find Child Care Oregon (www.findchildcareoregon.org) and get information any time of day. The CCR&Rs support child care referrals by communicating regularly with early educators to update information on child care availability by age group.



QUALITY OF EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

CCR&Rs provide coaching and technical assistance to publicly funded early learning programs, such as Preschool Promise and Baby Promise. Broadly, they also operate Focused Child Care Networks for all types of early educators who meet monthly to focus on their professional learning. Each month consists of training and one-on-one consultation to improve instructional practices between the early educators and children in their care. Networks are a critical strategy to retain early educators in the business of child care and to enhance quality.

FOCUSED CHILD CARE NETWORKS OPERATING IN 2020 SERVED



SPARK QUALITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM



CCR&Rs work with early educators as they progress to achieve goals in Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System known as Spark. CCR&Rs help early educators navigate the continuous quality improvement process embedded in Spark. Early education programs that have attained a Spark quality level provide services to **26,498 children**.

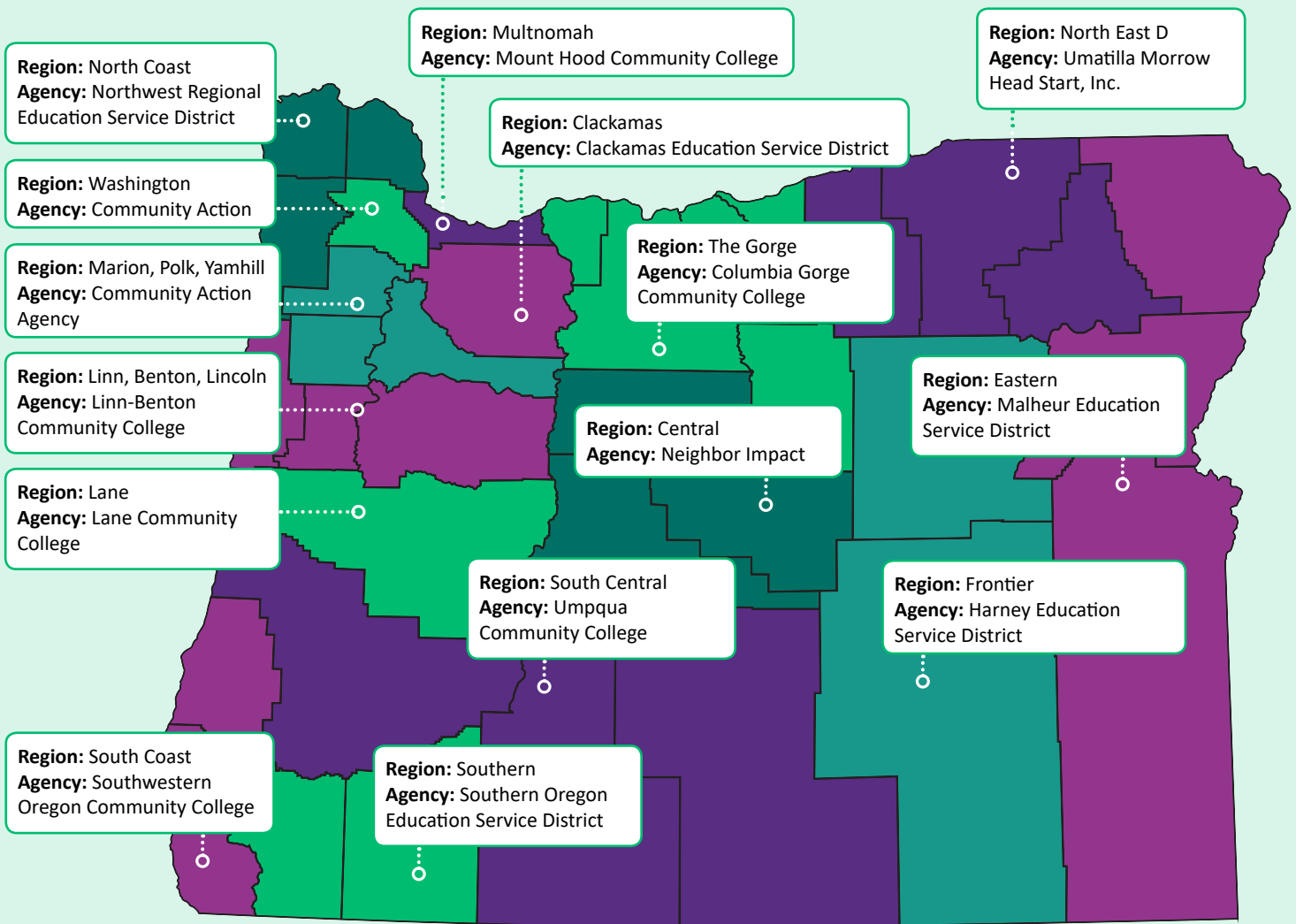
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

CCR&Rs offered more than **1,350 training events in 2020**. Trainers at all levels represent the race, ethnicity and primary languages of the counties in which they provide training. English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, and Vietnamese languages are represented. Participation in trainings increased during the pandemic, particularly for higher-level courses. Overall, more than 26,000 participants attended a CCR&R-led training throughout the year.

IN OUR COMMUNITIES

CCR&Rs are located in **15 regions across Oregon**:

- Blue Mountain (Union, Morrow, and Umatilla Counties)
- Clackamas County
- Central (Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson Counties)
- Eastern (Malheur, Wallowa, and Baker Counties)
- Frontier (Grant and Harney Counties)
- The Gorge (Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco, and Wheeler Counties)
- Lane County
- Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties
- Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties
- Multnomah County
- North Coast (Tillamook, Clatsop, and Columbia Counties)
- South Central (Douglas, Klamath, and Lake Counties)
- South Coast (Coos and Curry Counties)
- Southern (Jackson and Josephine Counties)
- Washington County



For more information, go to oregonearlylearning.com/providers-educators/central-coordination-of-child-care-resource-referral or contact Jon Reeves, Community Systems Team Manager, Jon.Reeves@state.or.us or 503.910.2484

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