

Child Care Resource & Referral of Central Iowa



Serving Children, Early Care and Education Professionals, Parents, Employers and Communities in Boone, Dallas, Hardin, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Polk, Story and Warren Counties

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TO: All Region 4 Child Care Programs

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As you may be aware, in March, the Iowa Department of Human Services issued a Request for Proposal for the Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) system. On May 17, DHS announced that Orchard Place was the successful bidder for CCR&R of Central Iowa, Region 4. Orchard Place has held the DHS grant for CCR&R of Central Iowa since July 2004.

The DHS Request for Proposal will result in some changes that will affect how CCR&R services are delivered to your child care program beginning July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. There are some details we won't know until after July 1 and a signed contract with DHS is in place. ***We want to assure you that services for child care providers and programs will continue in your county.***

Beginning July 1, CCR&R Region 4 will serve the following counties. The CCR&R Region 4 delivery area will expand to the following 20 counties listed by Early Childhood Iowa area.

Adair, Dallas, Madison, Warren
Boone, Story
Hardin, Marshall
Polk
Jasper
Marion

Mahaska, Wapello
Clarke
Decatur
Wayne
Appanoose, Davis Lucas, Monroe

As soon as possible after July 1, a local CCR&R Child Care Consultant and Coordinator will be hired and assigned to your county to deliver technical assistance, consultation and training services.

You can call 800-722-7619 or 515-246-3590 to be referred to a Child Care Consultant.

The information in this letter applies to DHS funding only, other services to child care providers may be available through local funding such as Early Childhood Iowa. Please be patient as we move into the next fiscal year. We will distribute information as it becomes available. You can also check our website at www.centraliowachildcare.org.

We are planning meetings this summer in your community to introduce ourselves and meet with providers. If there is an event of meeting you believe CCR&R staff should attend, please let me know and we will do our best to get there.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

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