



CCCC
**Community
Coordinated
Child Care**



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Union County's Child Care
Resource & Referral Agency

**Programs
& Services**

Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County, Inc. is a private non-profit Resource and Referral agency dedicated to ensuring Union County has quality child care that is affordable and accessible to every child in care or who is in need of care. As advocates for quality child care, our primary business is to provide leadership, education and training to the child care community and their families.



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(call for evening appointments)

Executive Director x 122

Education and Training x 138

Resource and Referral x 147 or x 106

Family Child Care x 116

Child Care Subsidy Programs (dial “0” for operator)

NJ Child Abuse Hotline 1-877-652-2873

directions

Community Coordinated Child Care is located at 2 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, the 3rd floor of the Rahway Library. Enter the parking lot from either East Milton Avenue or Main Street. Enter the library building and take the elevator to the 3rd floor.

CCCC is accessible by car from the Garden State Parkway (Exit 131 or 135), US Routes 1 & 9 (E. Milton Ave.) and the NJ Turnpike (Exit 12 or 13).

By Bus: (From Elizabeth) Take Bus No. 48 toward PERTH AMBOY VIA CARTERET. Arrive on E. Milton Ave. and walk towards Main St. and E. Milton Ave. **(From Plainfield)** Take Bus No. 59 toward NEWARK WASHINGTON PARK. Arrive on Broad Street at Jersey Street. Then take Bus No 48 toward WOODBRIDGE MALL VIA METRO PARK WOODBRIDGE MALL COLONIA. Arrive at Irving Street and Broad Street. Walk towards E. Milton Ave. by the train station. Library is on the corner of E. Milton Ave. and Main Street, behind the city hall building.

By Train: (NJ Transit Northeast Corridor or North Jersey Coast Line): Take the train from Trenton/ Bay Head or New York/Newark to Rahway. Proceed down stairs or elevator and walk east across the train station plaza (at the corner of Irving Street and E. Milton Avenue). Walk east on E. Milton Avenue. Library is located approximately one block from the train station, at the corner of E. Milton Ave. and Main St, behind the city hall building.

Confidentiality Policy

It is Community Coordinated Child Care (CCCC) policy to see that family records are kept as confidential as possible. All family information received by CCCC staff is handled in strict confidence. It is shared only on a need to know basis.

Agency Disclaimer

The names given by Community Coordinated Child Care (CCCC) are referrals only. We do not recommend any provider nor can we guarantee that any provider gives quality care. There is no fee for this service and all information is kept confidential. You should visit several providers to determine what care is best for your family.

Complaint Policies

All complaints about possible child abuse or neglect should be reported to the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), formerly known as DYFS, at 1-877-NJ ABUSE or 1-877-652-2873.

When visiting licensed centers, if you notice something that causes you concern, we urge you to call the Office of Licensing at 1-877-667-9845.

Any concerns or complaints about registered family child care providers, we urge you to call CCCC at (973) 923-1433 ext. 116.

For any complaints about Community Coordinated Child Care staff or services, please contact the Executive Director at (973) 923-1433 at ext. 122.

Fee Policy

The referrals given by CCCC are free.

CCCC is designated as the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency for Union County by the NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. The major funder of CCCC is the State of New Jersey.

resource development

Child Care Resource and Referral Services

Finding child care can be one of a family's most challenging, time consuming jobs. Resource specialists of Community Coordinated Child Care (CCCC) empower parents to be knowledgeable of child care options. These include center-based child care, family child care, and child care for special needs. By providing referrals, CCCC connects parents to services which promote family strengths.

CCCC resource specialists also provide the following services:

- information on child development
- guidelines on what to look for in quality child care settings
- options for assistance in paying for child care
- minimal assistance on opening a child care center

Resource Specialists also extend their services to businesses and community agencies.

Consult www.cccunion.org for more information.

Report Card

CCCC's report cards are included in all referral packets. This report card allows parents to give feedback on the services provided to them.

Family Child Care

Family Child Care (FCC) is a child care option for parents. Many parents choose a FCC provider to care for their children because it is a smaller setting. In New Jersey, FCC is a voluntary registration program in which providers can care for up to 5 children in their home for a fee. All FCC providers must complete the application process, attend a mandatory training, have a health and safety home inspection, and have an educational program for the children in care. The provider's home is registered with the state of New Jersey as a family child care home.

Family, Friend or Neighbor

Parents who are receiving child care assistance through Work First NJ or New Jersey Cares for Kids may choose to use a family member, friend, or neighbor to provide child care services for them. The care can take place at the parent's home or of a family member, friend, or neighbor. The home where child care services will be provided must meet the mandated health and safety requirements of the state of New Jersey. The care can only be provided at the home approved for the child care services and only for the children of the parent designated to receive the service.

Care is provided for children from birth to 13 years of age and children with special needs up to the age of 19.

child care subsidies

Work First New Jersey

Parents who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) can get help paying for child care while the parent has been placed in a work or training program. Child care is arranged during the parent's period of activity. CCCC has child care specialists to help parents in their choice of child care providers. Parents can choose from licensed centers, registered family child care providers, or a family member, friend, or neighbor.

Transitional Child Care

After a parent's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) case is closed due to employment, they may be able to receive subsidy for up to two years after cash assistance ends. There are no requirements for hours of employment or maximum income limits for eligibility. The parent just needs to not receive cash assistance anymore. At the end of the first year, the parent must provide proof of employment.

Post Transitional Child Care

Parents who have completed their two years of Transitional Child Care may be eligible for further child care subsidy. Parents need to provide original paystubs for four recent consecutive weeks showing they work 25 hours or more per week as well as meeting the income guidelines.

New Jersey Cares for Kids (NJCK)

New Jersey Cares for Kids (NJCK) is a subsidy program that helps families pay for child care. Parents must live in Union County, meet the income levels, and the following requirements:

- Work 30 or more hours per week; or
- Attend school full time (12 credits college, 20 hours per week in training); or
- Work a combination of part time work and part time school to equal full time activity

Post Adoption Child Care

Post Adoption Child Care (PACC) is a program for foster parents who recently adopted their foster child who is younger than kindergarten age. When the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) identifies an eligible family, they refer the family to CCCC. Families have to apply to CCCC within 90 days of adoption. Children ages 3 and 4 who live in Elizabeth or Plainfield must be registered in and attend an DOE preschool program. Parents provide letters from employers as proof they are working 30 or more hours per week; no proof of income or co-pay is required.

Kinship Care

Kinship is a subsidy program for family members caring for a relative's child living in their home. Eligibility is based on the caregiver's age, income, and family size. The family member must prove they are related to the child/children.



education & training

Department of Education (DOE) Wraparound (Formerly known as Abbott Wraparound)

The DOE Wraparound program is a subsidized program for families of preschool children ages 3 and 4 who live in Elizabeth or Plainfield. DOE Wraparound pays for the before and after care hours of the preschool day. To be eligible the parent must register at their local board of education. The parent must be working a minimum of 25 hours per week, 12 college credits, 20 hours in a training program, or a combination of the above.

Community Care Voucher Centers (CCVC)

The Community Care Voucher Center (CCVC) program provides subsidized child care to families that are eligible. The CCVC program serves children from birth to 13 years and up to 19 years of age if the child has special needs. A CCVC program may not charge over the state maximum rate for child care. Parents must be working a minimum of 25 hours per week, 12 college credits, 20 hours in a training program, or a combination of the above.

E-Child Care

E-Child Care is the system for parents who receive subsidy that uses either a telephone or swipe card system to provide proof of the child's attendance. Parents will be issued a Families First card when subsidy begins.

Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) (Formerly known as DYFS)

Community Coordinated Child Care is contracted to provide child care referrals for families whose children have been placed in child protective services.

Professional Development

Community Coordinated Child Care is a leader when it comes to teaching adults working with young children. Our goal is to improve the professionalism of teachers and the quality of care for young children. Child care staff, directors, family child care providers, and parents can register for workshops.

Our highly trained instructors provide workshops offered at our offices as well as in the community. Workshops can be customized for a specific program. Most workshops are free; call for customized training fees.

Our workshops meet the requirements of the NJ Department of Education, NJ Office of Licensing and the NJ Registry. We can offer continuing education units (CEUs). Workshop topics include child development, behavior management, parental involvement, researched based curricula and assessment. Online courses are also available through the Child Care Aware Online Professional Development Workshops.

We have workshops for parents based on the developmental needs of children. These workshops also give parents opportunities to share their own experiences with each other.

New Jersey First Steps Infant/Toddler Initiative

This program partners with infant/toddler providers and their directors by providing professional development, technical assistance, consultation services, program assessment and resources. Infant/Toddler Specialists serve as mentors and provide resources to new and experienced early educators. Consultation services are provided to early educators on-site or via telephone. Technical assistance also includes site observations, pre and post ITERS/FCCERS assessments, development of a program improvement plan and access to a lending library. New Jersey First Steps also works in community partnerships with New Jersey Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NJACCRRRA), Coalition of Infant Toddler Educators (CITE), Professional Impact New Jersey (PINJ), early intervention, health care organizations, child care programs, parents and others.

Strengthening Families Initiative (SFI)

The New Jersey Strengthening Families Initiative (NJ SFI) is an approach to prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening families through early care and education. The basic principle is that certain protective factors contribute towards family resiliency and strength. Early Care and Education Centers play a prominent role in building these protective factors among the families they serve. Contact us to get more information about the five protective factors.

The program requires centers and family child care providers to participate in the following:

- Voluntary Parent Survey
- Provider Self Assessment
- Work Plan that focuses on parent engagement

Along with the center and family child care providers Strengthening Families of Union County also works in collaboration with private and public stakeholders.

Child Development Associate (CDA)

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential is a nationally recognized credential in early childhood education. It is based on competency standards which guide the practice of early care professionals. Candidates learn the ways to support the emotional, physical, intellectual, and social development of young children.

At Community Coordinated Child Care the CDA candidate is guided through the CDA process by participating in three modules of training, ongoing evaluation through one-on-one technical support, coaching and mentoring. Every candidate receives an observation using an environment rating scale (ITERS, ECERS, or FCCERS) and receives on-site technical support based on the scores. Candidates are given comprehensive writing support on portfolio and application completion.

The CDA candidates at CCCC who have completed training and technical support have been successful in obtaining a CDA Credential.





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