

NEW JERSEY CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL AGENCIES

Ensuring families find affordable, high-quality child care.

Supporting providers to grow and thrive so children get the best start in life.

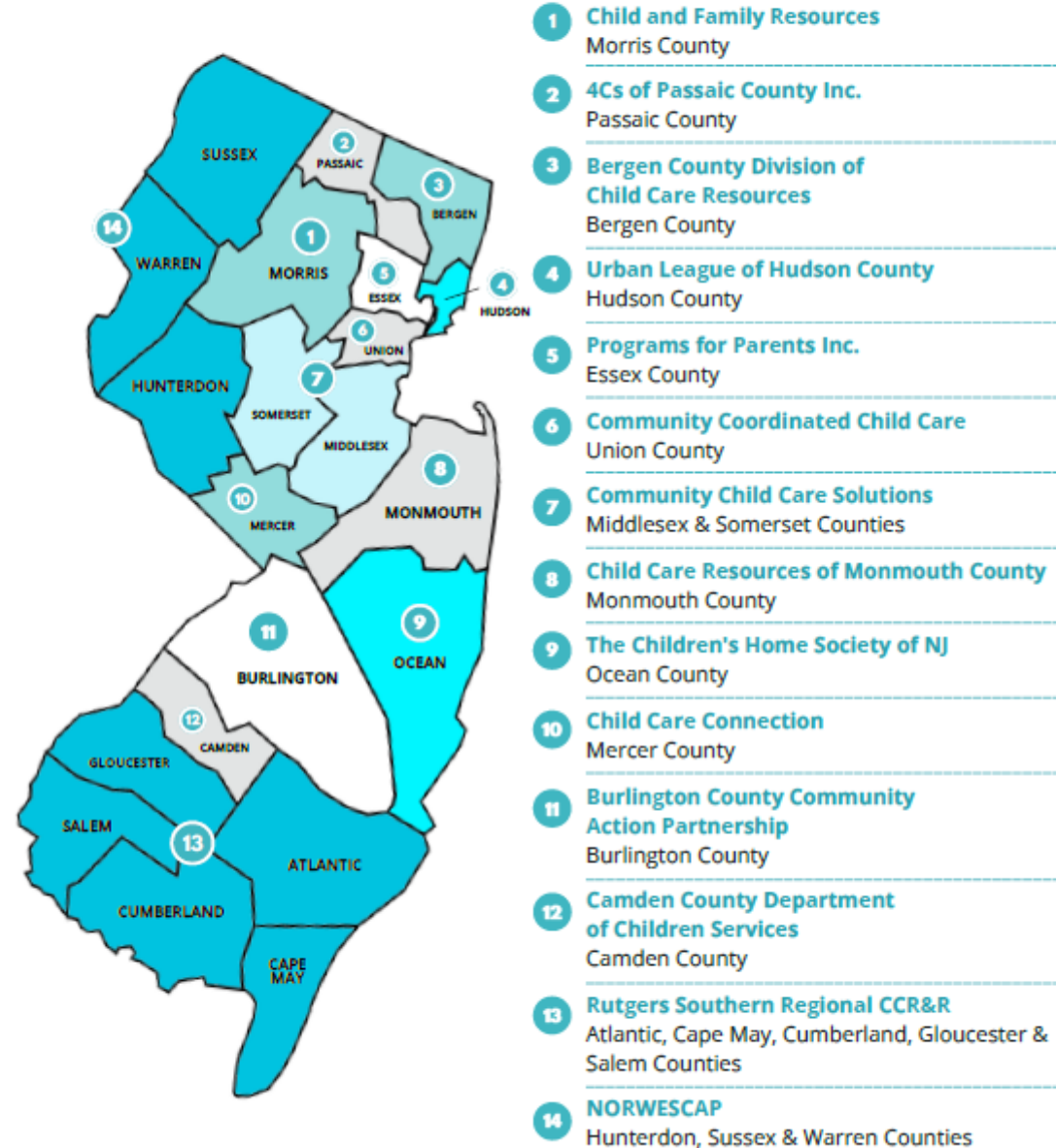
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Counties

14
CCR&R's

Child Care Resource and Referral
Agencies
(CCR&R's)

– contracted by the NJ Department of
Human Services, Division of Family
Development – are your community
connection to all the child care
resources you need.

New Jersey CCR&R Agencies



Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

1

Understand

Explain the Child Care Assistance Program and eligibility process.
(Parent Orientation)

2

Apply

Help families access applications, forms and required information.

3

Determine

Review applications and determine eligibility under state and federal rules.

4

Continue

Support redetermination, changes and ongoing participation in Child Care Assistance Program



e-Child Care

DFD is committed to making the transition to the new e-Child Care payment system as smooth as possible for all providers.

The new e-Child Care system went live on Monday, August 10, 2026.

We understand that changes to payment processes can be challenging, and we appreciate your patience and partnership as we implement this important system upgrade. Taking this measured approach helps ensure a more stable payment process.

Thank you for your continued commitment to serving New Jersey's children and families. Additional updates will be shared as we move through the implementation process.

NJCCIS

New Jersey Child Care Information System

www.NJCCIS.com

Resource & Referral



- Find Child Care
 - Referrals to the full range of child care options
 - Enhanced Referrals
 - Information about free public preschool, Head Start and Early Head Start
 - Support identifying care that fits a family's schedule, location and needs
- Choose with Confidence
 - Education about quality and Grow NJ Kids
 - Access to inspection and complaint information
 - Guidance on questions to ask and factors to consider when choosing care
- Community Resources
 - Link families to other community resources and services, coordinates & makes referrals to other community-based agencies and entities that provide further family supports/services

Family Support that Extends Beyond Child Care

When families identify other needs, CCR&Rs connect them with trusted community resources.

- Developmental Milestones and Early Child Development
 - The Ages and Stages Questionnaire -3 (ASQ3) & Books Balls & Blocks events
- Essentials
 - Food Banks, SNAP, WIC, Local Housing/Rental Assistance, Utility/Energy Assistance, etc.
- Early Learning
 - Early Head-Start, Head Start, Preschool Expansion/Public Preschool information
- Parent Voice & Parent Supports
 - Parent Café's, Strengthening Families, Surveys, Positive Parenting Solutions



Professional Development

CCR&R training is designed to be accessible across schedules, locations, formats and languages.

Required Foundations

Health and Safety • Mandated Reporting • Child Development • CPR/First Aid

Inclusive Care

Multilingual Learners • Cultural Responsiveness • Social-Emotional and Mental Health

Curriculum & Practice

Infant & Toddler Care • School-Age Development • Early Learning Standards •

Strong Child Care Practices

Emergency Preparedness • Family Engagement • Business Practices

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Quality Initiatives that help Programs

Quality improvement is a relationship—not a one-time training.

Infant & Toddler Specialist Network

Consultation, training and targeted or intensive technical assistance for classrooms and family child care homes.

Grow NJ Kids

Recruitment, early-phase guidance, site visits and a supported transition through the quality improvement process.

Coordinated Expertise

Connections to Family Engagement, Community Needed or Special Request Professional Development, Onsite Environmental rating Scale assessments

Shared Services

Shared services help child care businesses become stronger

Caring for children also means running a business.

Strategic Planning

Human Resources

**Financial
Management**

Technology

Marketing

Peer Learning

**Substitute
Pool**

Registered FCC Providers

Providing High-Quality Child Care in Their Home

Prepare

Orientation, required health and safety training, CPR/first aid information, help with policies and procedures, and background-check guidance.

Verify

Annual announced & unannounced inspections, provider record keeping, compliance documents,

Respond

Prompt response to incidents, complaints and inquiries for assistance

**“Nothing’s better than
doing what you love!”**

Start a child care business from home!



**CCR&Rs are always by
your side – empowering
families, uplifting
providers, strengthening
communities and
building brighter futures
for New Jersey's children.**

www.ChildCareNJ.gov



Check Your Eligibility!

Use our Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) calculator to see if you may be income eligible and what your estimated copay would be.

CHECK NOW ➔



Quick Links for Parents

[Apply for the Child Care Assistance Program](#)

[Find Child Care and View Inspections](#)

[Find Your Local CCR&R](#)

[Report Abuse/Make a Complaint](#)

MORE INFO FOR PARENTS ➔



Quick Links for Providers

[NJCCIS System Upgrades](#)

[2026 Summer Youth Camp Season Info](#)

[Accepting Child Care Assistance Families](#)

[Quality Initiatives](#)

MORE INFO FOR PROVIDERS ➔