



RESOURCE AND REFERRAL PROGRAM

The California Department of Education Early Care & Support Division (CDE/EESD) is the primary funding source for the Resource & Referral Program. This program provides FREE child care referral services and resource to any person looking for child care. This program maintains a database of the county's licensed family child care providers and center-based programs, and offers technical assistance, training and support services to local child care providers. Every person seeking child care referrals and resources is given consumer education information and materials for selecting child care services that best meet their needs.

Additional funding for CDR's Resource and Referral Program is received from the Ventura County Human Services Agency's California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Stage 1 Subsidized Child Care Program, and CDE/EESD's Child Care Initiative Projects. These capacity-building programs fund quality enhancement activities for existing child care providers, recruitment of newly licensed childcare providers, provide technical assistance, training and support (including home visits). These services to providers enhance the quality of child care delivered to children in Ventura County.

Private Sector Funding for "Enhanced Referrals"

CDR offers "enhanced child care referral" services for families with special needs. This service builds on the basic referral, which Resource & Referral provides FREE to the public. The Resource & Referral Specialist contacts local child care providers to find child care openings that best meets the parent's child care plan, thus saving the parent a tremendous amount of time and effort.

Resource & Referral Program office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please call (805) 485-7878, extension #1512 to make an appointment or use our convenient and automated online child care referral at www.cdrv.org