CHILD CARE AWARE OF NORTH DAKOTA | JULY 2017 - JUNE 2018



ABOUT US

Child Care Aware[®] of North Dakota, a program of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, has been the state's trusted partner to provide child care resource and referral services since 1992.

We assist families in their search for and understanding of quality child care, build the knowledge and skills of early childhood practitioners through professional learning services and coaching, support communities in developing innovative strategies to expand the capacity of care to meet families' needs, and are the "go to" place for individuals who want to start a child care business.

WHAT OUR STATE NEEDS

North Dakota businesses and families need reliable, affordable, and accessible child care in their communities to actively engage in the workforce. Child Care professionals need adequate compensation, training, and support to run viable businesses and offer quality child care. In this annual report you will see how Child Care Aware[®] of North Dakota works to address many of these issues.

HOW WE ARE FUNDED

The **North Dakota Department of Human Services** funds the work of Child Care Aware® of North Dakota with federal Child Care Development Block Grant Funds as well as state general funds.

Child Care Aware[®] of North Dakota also had contracts with the **North Dakota Department of Health** during the fiscal year to provide UV Ray Sun Safety education and a Healthy Eating Active Play initiative.

In addition, Child Care Aware® of America sub-contracts with Child Care Aware® of North Dakota to provide coordination of **United States Air Force Exceptional Family Member respite care programming** for the Grand Forks and Minot Air Force Bases.

PARTNERS FOR QUALITY

Child Care Aware of North Dakota partners for quality with the North Dakota Growing Futures Early Childhood Workforce Registry and Bright & Early North Dakota, our state's Quality Rating and Improvement System.

SERVICES & STAFFING PARENT SERVICES

Child Care Aware[®] of North Dakota employs the equivalent of 21.375 full-time staff members who work in three main service areas: Parent Services, Consulting Services and Professional Learning Services.

CONSULTING SERVICES

9 full-time employees provide technical assistance and coaching to licensed child care programs in North Dakota through their work as early childhood consultants, health and safety consultants and inclusion specialists.



full-time employees collect and maintain data about the child care industry in North Dakota and provide customized referrals and consumer information to families looking for child care.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERVICES



full-time employees develop and maintain training curriculums and events; review, score, and apply credit for successfully completed training; and provide customer service to online learners.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SERVICES

7,118 EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS COMPLETED 76,867 HOURS OF TRAINING OFFERED BY CHILD CARE AWARE® OF NORTH DAKOTA







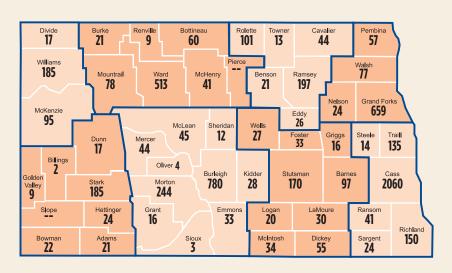




1207.5 STAFF HOURS SPENT ON DEVELOPMENT, DESIGN, AND PUBLISHING OF E-LEARNING COURSES **54 HOURS** IS THE INDUSTRY STANDARD TO DEVELOP ONE HOUR OF PUBLISHED E-LEARNING

65 PROVIDERS RECEIVED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISING THAT WILL HELP THEM STRENGTHEN THEIR SKILLS & ACHIEVE THEIR CAREER GOALS

64% OF ALL TRAINING COMPLETIONS ARE FOR STATE MANDATED TRAININGS GETTING STARTED: 3,327 COMPLETIONS | SIDS AND SAFE SLEEP PRACTICES: 5,286 COMPLETIONS



6,658 NORTH DAKOTA RESIDENTS COMPLETED ONE OR MORE CHILD CARE AWARE® OF NORTH DAKOTA TRAININGS

WEBSITE & RESOURCES www.ndchildcare.org

UNIQUE VISITORS

CAME TO WEBSITE

The Child Care Aware[®] of North Dakota website provides 24/7 access to information about health & safety, best business practices, and tips for setting up an effective child care environment.



RETURNING VISITORS CAME BACK FOR MORE

CONSULTING SERVICES

Parents need care to work or attend school/training programs. Businesses need quality child care programs so that their employees can get to work. Quality child care providers protect the health and safety of the children in their care and they help children learn and be prepared for school.

We want all families to have access to quality, affordable child care; and we also want those who nurture and teach our young children in child care settings to earn a living wage. Working in a quality child care business is not easy. Child care providers need access to trainings and supports to get their business started and to continually improve the quality of their care.

Child Care Aware® of North Dakota helps by:

- Assisting new child care providers through the start-up process
- Helping providers meet licensing requirements
- Offering low-cost or free trainings in topics like health and safety, child development, and sound business practices
- Working with local and state governments and the private sector to leverage resources for building and maintaining the supply of quality child care
- Providing professional development and continuous quality improvement opportunities to child care providers and staff
- Supporting accredited programs

2177 POTENTIAL & NEWLY LICENSED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS RECEIVED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP THEM OPERATE A CHILD CARE BUSINESS TO HELP THEM OPERATE A CHILD CARE BUSINESS 5 PROGRAMS RECEIVED COMPLIANCE CONSULTATIONS TO SATISFY CORRECTION ORDERS ISSUED BY CHILD CARE LICENSERS

46 PROGRAMS RECEIVED COACHING TO EARN BRIGHT & EARLY QUALITY RATING



INFANTS & TODDLERS HAD TEACHERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE WINNING WAYS INITIATIVE



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PROGRAMS RECEIVED

TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE



INCLUSION AGES & STAGES SCREENING

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ASQ-3 SCREENINGS PROVIDED AT NO COST 5557 ASQ-SE SCREENINGS PROVIDED AT NO COST

OFFERED PROVIDERS SUPPORT AND SUGGESTED STRATEGIES THROUGH

145 ONSITE VISITS134 PHONE CONSULTATIONS126 CONSULTATION EMAILS

18 COMMUNITIES WORKED WITH CHILD CARE AWARE® TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO EXPAND CHILD CARE CAPACITY

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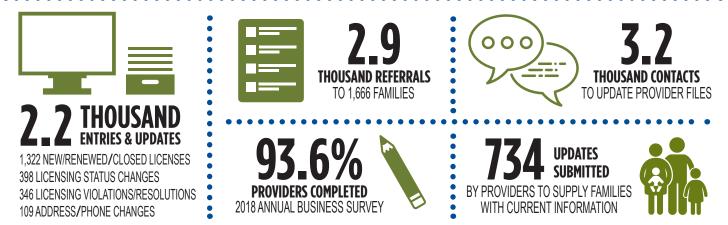


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Businesses and families need quality, affordable, and accessible child care to actively engage in North Dakota's workforce. Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions families make. Child Care Aware® of North Dakota helps families take the guesswork out of choosing child care by providing:

- · Referrals to local child care providers
- Information to help families evaluate options
- · Information about getting help to pay for child care

Families can connect with a Parent Services Specialist by email, by phone, or they can visit www.ndchildcare.org to access valuable consumer education resources and our online child care database to do a customized child care search on their own.



Child Care Supply & Demand Data, Cost of Care and County Profiles at www.ndchildcare.org/data-pub





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