

Do you need help finding child care that meets *your* needs?

- Contact us to get child care referrals and consumer education on quality early learning programs
 - Website: www.oppco.org/ccrr
 - Email: childcare@oppco.org
 - Phone: 800-649-5121 x 227

We also provide referrals to other services that you may need:

- **Child Nutrition Program** provides nutrition education and helps family child care providers serve healthy meals to the children in their care
- **Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program** assists families whose children ages birth to three have developmental delays
- **Early Head Start, Head Start, Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program** serve income eligible pregnant women and children aged birth to 5

Child Care Resource and Referral was developed to help parents and families of all income levels find high quality child care. We are dedicated to enhancing the development of high quality child care services, increasing the accessibility of child care programs, and promoting the recognition of child care as a vital profession that helps to strengthen our community.

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Island, San Juan, & Whatcom Counties

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“In the final analysis, it is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings”

-Ann Landers





Our mission...

Strengthening the ability of families, caregivers, neighborhoods, policy leaders, and communities to nurture, support and educate their children, while building a supply of safe, affordable, high quality care and education programs for children and youth in Island, San Juan and Whatcom counties.

We provide referrals only, not recommendations

Services for Children & Families

- Assesses family's unique child care needs to help find the best match
- Refers to licensed child care centers and family child care homes
- Gives a list of 40 research-based quality indicators, a tool used to help select safe and appropriate child care
- Offers subsidy information, and temporary child care assistance for families that are homeless or in an emergency/crisis situation
- Provides information about support groups, parent education, and special events for families and children
- Supplies families with information about six quality indicators: group size, ratio, family involvement, caregiver education, health/safety, and accreditation

“Early learning experiences are critical, foundational pieces on which a child's later school success is built” *–Ann Clark*

Services to the Community

- Serves as a bridge linking families, providers, employers, and community resource agencies in the development of a comprehensive early learning system
- Presents current statistical information on the status of child care, including supply and demand data, in the community
- Promotes greater public awareness of quality child care and early learning programs

Services for Child Care Providers

- Conducts professional development workshops, onsite consultation, technical assistance, and networking opportunities
- Gives referrals to support child care businesses
- Distributes materials and resources, such as newsletters and lending library materials, to help providers meet high standards
- Maintains accurate information about child care programs
- Advocates to address current issues concerning child care and early learning
- Supports, enhances, and strengthens child care businesses