

National Association of Child Care
Resource & Referral Agencies



Overview of NACCRRA, CCR&R and ACCYN



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Overview



- Civilian Child Care
- NACCRRRA and Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)
- Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood (ACCYN)



Child Care in America



- Most child care programs don't meet American Academy of Pediatrics standards
- According to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), less than 10% of child care can be described as high quality:
 - 86% of centers provide poor to mediocre care
 - A full 40% of infant care is poor quality
 - Only 9% of FCC homes are rated "good"

Child Care Licensing



- Each state has different licensing requirements and they vary widely
- NACCRRA produces reports on state licensing – score and rank states
 - 5 basic benchmarks for oversight
 - 10 basic benchmarks for regulations
 - ❖ Total possible score - 150 points

Benchmarks for Oversight



1. Licensing all programs
2. Frequency of inspections
3. Licensing caseload
4. Qualifications of inspectors
5. Inspection and complaint reports online

(50 points total)

Benchmarks for Regulations



1. Ratios
2. Group size
3. Director qualifications
4. Lead teacher qualifications
5. Pre-service/orientation training
6. Annual training
7. Background checks
8. Six developmental domains
9. 10 BASIC health and safety standards
10. Parent involvement

Overall Results



Although states have made some progress, they are still failing our children.

Report Card

Grade	# States
A	0
B	0
C	1
D	16
F	33

Average score was 83/150 (55 percent)

About NACCRRA



National nonprofit membership association
founded in 1987

Our Mission - *To promote policies and partnerships to ensure access to quality child care and early learning services and to provide vision, leadership and support to the nationwide network of child care resource and referral agencies.*

Our Vision - *a nation that supports the development and learning of all children*

Core Beliefs



All children have a right to be cared for, both in and outside the home, in safe, healthy and nurturing environments.

All children should have access to early learning experiences that help them arrive at kindergarten ready to succeed.

All families must have access to high-quality, affordable child care for their children.

All parents must have a choice of appropriate and affordable learning and caregiving settings for their children.

What We Do



- Work to increase the quality and availability of child care
- Build high quality, accountable CCR&R services
- Conduct research on key child care issues
- Partner with other national organizations to advance national child care issues
- Public and media awareness and public policy
- Provide training to child care professionals

About Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)



- CCR&Rs are community-based organizations that help families, child care providers, and communities find, provide, and plan for affordable, high-quality child care.

- **700 CCR&Rs**
- **Cover 99.33% of all inhabited zip codes in the U.S.**
- **Serve 7 million families & 500,00 providers each year**

CCR&R Services



CCR&Rs are the primary organizations in a community that work with all parts of the child care delivery system – families, child care providers, businesses, and policymakers

ACCYN Overview



The purpose of the project is to increase Army families' access to high-quality civilian child care comparable to that available on-post

ACCYN Sites



Ft. Carson: CO

SOUTH COM: FL

Ft. Stewart/Hunter AAF: GA

Ft. Riley: KS

Ft. Campbell: KY

Ft. Bragg: NC

Ft. Drum: NY

Ft. Bliss: TX

Ft. Sam Houston: TX

Ft. Lewis: WA

ACCYN Process



NACCRRA works through local CCR&R agencies in selected locations to:

- Help providers achieve and maintain program quality standards
- Help Army families enroll in high-quality child care programs and access fee assistance

Quality Standards



High-quality is defined as:

- Child Development Associate credential (FCC providers)
- NAFCC accreditation (FCC providers)
- NAEYC accreditation (centers)

Quality Improvement Process



- Recruit and screen eligible providers
- Provide onsite technical assistance and training
- Conduct quarterly monitoring visits

Provider Recruitment



- Pre-Selection Checklist
- Child Abuse/Neglect training
- Federal fingerprint/background check
- Physical Exam
- Fire Safety inspection

Training & Technical Assistance (TA)



- Monthly TA visits
- Quality Improvement Plans
- Caring for Children Training Modules
- Accreditation support groups
- Quality improvement funds

Monitoring Providers



- Quarterly Unannounced Inspection Visits
- Quality Checklist



Working together to increase the quality of civilian child care for Army families