

## ***Do You Need Child Care?***

The Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) provides **free** referrals for parents looking for licensed or certified child care providers. Our service area include the 10 counties of the Barren River Area Development District (BRADD), including Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson, and Warren.

**No recommendations are given. Parents should visit programs to select the one that meets their specific needs.**

If you need child care in Kentucky for an area outside of the CCR&R at WKU service area, please call toll free: 1-877-316-3552.

## ***Do You Need Information?***

The CCR&R provides brochures and other resources on choosing quality child care, child growth and development, and dealing with difficult times. Please feel free to contact us.



**270-745-2216 or  
800-621-5908  
Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**



## ***What Types of Child Care Programs Are There?***

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Human Services monitors all regulated child care programs. (This does not guarantee quality care for your child, however, so you are encouraged to visit potential providers.) The three types of state-regulated programs are:

- **Type I – Licensed Center-Based Programs** are business facilities licensed to care for over 13 children. All staff must have background checks and 15 hours of training each year.
- **Type II – Licensed Family Child Care Homes** provide care for 7 to 12 children in the owner's home. All staff and those 18 years of age or older living in the home must have background checks. All staff must have 15 hours of training each year.
- **Certified Family Child Care Homes** care for up to 6 children in the owner's home. All staff and those 18 years of age or older living in the home must have background checks. All staff must have 9 hours of training each year.

## ***Does the Program I Am Considering Meet the Needs of My Child?***

- The caregivers are warm and caring.
- Caregivers get at least the hours of training each year mentioned above.
- As a parent, I am welcome at any time in the program.
- The child care routine meets my child's needs.
- My child is happy in this setting.
- Adult to child ratios stay the same all day regardless of the activity.
- Meals are healthy, appealing and served on a routine basis that meets my child's needs.
- Children are happy, at ease, calm and involved in play.
- Caregivers talk with each child.
- There are a variety of interesting, safe and clean toys for my child.
- The program is in the STARS Quality Rating System or has a plan for participation.
- The program has staff in the Early Childhood Scholars Program.

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## **Connect for Support and Information Online**

The **Connect For Kids** (CFK) message board was developed by the Child Care Resource & Referral development to offer a place to connect for support and friendship. It is a free online forum open to mothers, fathers, grandparents, professionals, students, and anyone interested in children or child care. But, you must register to join in the discussion!

- Share Resources!
- Get Support!
- Ask An Expert!
- Make Online Friends!
- Have Fun!

**Are you online?  
Join us at CFK today!**

**It's Free! It's Fun! It's  
Fellowship!**

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