

Massachusetts Child Care Resource & Referral Network, Inc.

Data Report 2008



The Massachusetts Child Care Resource & Referral Network, Inc. provides child care referrals to ALL families, professional development to ALL providers and access to quality child care through voucher subsidies to eligible children.

Local Child Care Resource & Referral Services for All Parents

Ages of Children for Care Requested

55% of care requested was for infants and toddlers

24% of care requested was for preschool age children

21% of care requested was for school-age children

Type of Care Requested by All Families

44% of care requested was for centers

42% of care requested was for family child care

12% of care requested was for school-age programs

- ✓ 29,444 families, with 37,021 children, received child care resource & referral services from their local CCR&Rs
- ✓ 27% increase in R&R services over 2005



Total Massachusetts Child Care Supply

Includes: Public School Programs, Private Schools, Head Start, Nursery Schools and all EEC licensed programs.

| Type of Care | Statewide Capacity | % of Statewide Capacity |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Total Center based Programs | 244,649 | 83% |
| Infant, Toddler, Preschool Programs | 89,794 | 37% |
| Part time Preschool Programs | 66,729 | 27% |
| School Age Programs | 88,126 | 36% |
| Family Child Care | 50,627 | 17% |

Where are ALL the Children in Care?

31% of children in care are in full time center based programs

30% of children in care are in before/after-school programs

24% of children in care are in part-time center programs

15% of children in care are in family child care homes

Statewide Capacity

Total statewide capacity of all legally operating early education and care programs in MA, including public schools, subsidized and non-subsidized providers **295,276**

Family Child Care in Massachusetts: A Profile



Family child care homes provide 34% of total available full time child care in Massachusetts.

In 2008 3,345 potential self-employed business owners participated in training to operate a child care enterprise.

Family Child Care Statistics

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| Number of active providers | 7,552 |
| NAFCC accredited providers | 73 |
| FCC providers who speak English | 89% |
| FCC providers who speak Spanish | 27% |
| FCC providers speaking other languages | 12% |
| FCC providers part of a FCC system | 37% |

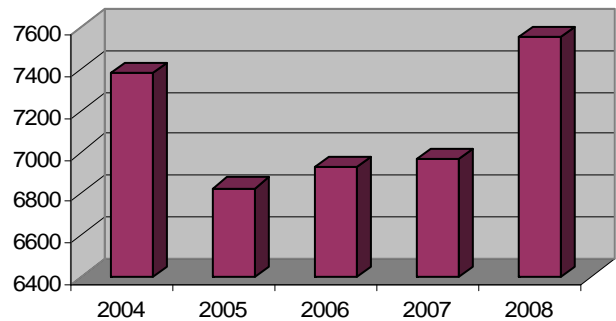
Cost & Availability of Care

Capacity Building: An additional 600 family child care providers started actively providing care adding an additional 3,000 full time child care slots to the market.

Vacancy Rates: The vacancy rate averaged 22%, or a little more than one child per program.

Cost of Care: Full time rates for children under 2 increased by 7% and rates for children over 2 increased by 6%.

Number of FCC Providers



Health Care Statistics

71% of the currently licensed FCC providers responded to Network questions concerning health care coverage.

- 10% of respondents had no health care coverage for themselves.
- 37% of respondents indicated that they would like help in obtaining health care coverage.
- 56% of respondents rely on a spouse for their health care coverage.

Education Statistics

(85% of providers reporting)

| Highest Level of Education Obtained | Number of Providers | Percentage |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Less than H.S./GED | 350 | 6% |
| H.S./GED | 2150 | 34% |
| AA degree – ECE related | 542 | 9% |
| AA degree – non-related | 465 | 7% |
| Bachelor's degree | 928 | 15% |
| Advanced degree | 183 | 3% |
| Some college courses | 1624 | 26%* |

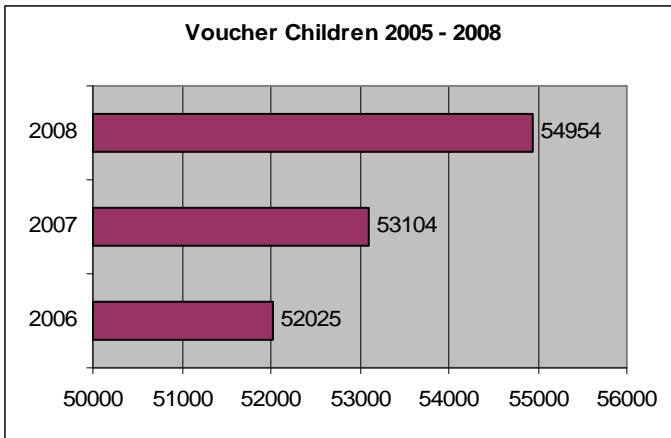
*represents a 4% increase over 2007

Voucher Child Care in Massachusetts: A Profile

Facts About

Local CCR&R Voucher Services:

- ✓ **54,954** children received child care vouchers
- ✓ **\$249 million** dollars were efficiently managed & distributed to voucher providers by MCCR&Rs in FY '08
- ✓ **14%** increase in voucher subsidy dollars over FY '07



Local child care resource & referral agencies

- **Provide** services to **all 351** cities and towns in Massachusetts.
 - **Manage** the statewide centralized waitlist for the Department of Early Education & Care.
 - **Offer** parents written materials in **10 different languages**.
 - **Employ** on-site staff who speak **10 different languages**.
 - **Maintain** fiscal oversight for the over **6,000** licensed providers and licensed exempt programs who provided care for children with vouchers in FY '08.
 - **Collect** and maintain up-to-date data on over **11,000** providers across the Commonwealth.
 - **Help** families with special needs children to identify providers who meet their child's special needs and provide ongoing support and resources.
- ✓ **4%** of the cost of voucher child care services was spent by the state to administer the voucher subsidy program through the local MCCR&R programs
 - ✓ **13%** increase in voucher children served since 2005
 - ✓ **100%** of the MCCR&R access management services are **reimbursed** by the Federal Government
 - ✓ **19,000** children were on the EEC waitlist for subsidized child care as of December 2008

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Professional Development

The local child care resource and referral agencies provided **Professional Development** opportunities to approximately **20,500** people, through a variety of tracks that are available to **everyone** working in the early education and care field. A total of **1,232** training events were offered statewide.

Working partners are a key component to the CCR&R model. In 2008, CCR&Rs had over **1,000** collaborations that included

- CAP agencies
- Center Providers
- Chambers of Commerce
- Community Partnership Councils
- Directors Support Groups
- Early Intervention
- Family Child Care Support Groups
- Family Child Care Systems
- Family Crisis Centers
- Federation for Children with Special Needs
- Head Start
- Higher Education
- Homeless Shelters
- MADCA
- Massachusetts Family Networks
- MICCO
- Massachusetts School-Age Coalition
- Media
- MSPCC's
- NACCRRRA
- NAEYC & affiliates
- NAFCC
- Out of School Time
- Parent Child Home Program
- Public Libraries
- Public Schools
- Researchers
- State Agencies
- United Way

CCR&Rs ongoing efforts to support the varied needs of the early care and education population in **2008** included:

Supporting Diversity

3,734 early education and care staff attended courses in languages other than English.

Training to Meet EEC Licensing Standards

2,460 early education and care staff attended special needs trainings.

Alternative Learning

159 early education and care staff participated in a variety of distance learning (including internet) trainings.

Advancing the Field

2,241 early education and care staff completed **107** CEU or college courses.



MCCR&R MEMBERS

Child Care Choices of Boston

105 Chauncy Street, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02111
(617) 542-5437

Child Care Circuit

190 Hampshire Street
Lawrence, MA 01840
(877) 823-2273

180 Cabot Street
Beverly, MA 01915
(800) 660-2868

Child Care Connection

100 Grove Street, Suite 102
Worcester, MA 01605
(508) 757-3880

Child Care Network of the Cape & Islands

115 Enterprise Road
Hyannis, MA 02601
(508) 778-9470

Child Care Outlook

393 Main Street
Greenfield, MA 01301
(413) 772-2177

Child Care Resources

76 Summer Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
(978) 343-7395

799 West Boylston Street
Worcester, MA 01605
(508) 856-7930

Child Care Resource Center

130 Bishop Allen Drive
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 547-1063

Child Care Search

2352 Main Street
Concord, MA 01742
(978) 897-6400

Child Care Works

105 William Street, 4th Floor
New Bedford, MA 02740
(508) 999-9930

Community Care For Kids

1509 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA 02169
(617) 471-6473

Home Health & Child Care Services

PO Box 640
Brockton, MA 02303
(508) 588-6070

New England Farm Workers Council

1628-1640 Main Street,
Springfield, MA 01103
(413) 272-2207

217 High Street
Holyoke, MA 01104
(413) 322-0200

Preschool Enrichment Team

293 Bridge Street, Suite 322
Springfield, MA 01103
(413) 736-3900

Resources for Child Care

152 North Street, Suite 230
Pittsfield, MA 01201
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