



Child Care Development Fund

North Dakota Health and Human Services Economic Assistance and Early Childhood sections administer the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF).

Through the CCDF, child care providers and families receive these services and support:

- Equal access to the Child Care Assistance Program
- Health and safety standards for all licensed or self-declared providers
- Child Care Resource and Referral agency
- Bright & Early ND, the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System
- Licensing inspection and monitoring information
- Complaint process for families and providers

Learn more about these services.

Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

CCAP helps pay a portion of the cost of child care for working families or families in allowable training or education programs.

Learn more at hhs.nd.gov/ccap

Child Care Licensing

Child care licensing regulations protect and promote child safety and well-being in child care settings. Licensing is one form of protection. Licensed child care offers parents the knowledge that providers are regulated through standards and monitoring.

Learn more at hhs.nd.gov/cfs/early-childhood-services

Bright & Early ND

Bright & Early ND is the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System. The initiative ensures that children receive the quality child care and early education they need for success in school and life. It also recognizes and rewards talented child care and early education programs for going above and beyond.

For information on identifying quality-rated providers visit: www.brightnd.org

Developmental Screenings

The first five years of a child's life are filled with exciting milestones. A developmental screening is a quick and simple check of how your child is growing and developing and is available for children birth to 3.

For information on when and who to contact to set up a screening, visit: hhs.nd.gov/early-childhood-services/early-intervention.

For resources for children ages 3 -5 visit nd.gov/dpi/education-programs/special-education.

How to File a Complaint

If you suspect a parent or child care provider is misusing funds from the Child Care Assistance Program, email ccap@nd.gov.

For other child care concerns, contact your local Early Childhood Services licensing specialist at: hhs.nd.gov/cfs/early-childhood-services/contact

Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

Health and Human Services contracts with Child Care Aware® of North Dakota to offer the following services:

Services to Families

Help finding child care:

An online search option provides families with up-to-date information on licensed and self-declared child care providers including:

- Health and safety requirements met by the provider
- Licensing or regulatory requirements met by the provider
- Date the provider was last inspected
- Any history of violations of these requirements
- Any voluntary quality standards met by the provider

Search online at: <https://search.ec.hhs.nd.gov/>

Referrals to licensed and self-declared child care programs: Call 1-800-997-8515 or email referral@ndchildcare.org.

Resources including tips for choosing licensed child care: hhs.nd.gov/cfs/early-childhood-services/families/choosing-care

Services to Providers

- Help in starting a licensed child care program
- Professional development and training in areas of child development
- Health and safety
- Infant and toddler care and business practices

