

Massachusetts Child Care Resource & Referral Network, Inc.

Data Report 2007



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

Local Child Care Resource & Referral Services for Parents

Ages of Children for Whom Care was Requested —2007	Type of Care Requested by All Families—2007
60% of care requested was for infants & toddlers	46% of care requested was for centers
21% of care requested was for preschool age children	38% of care requested was for family child care
19% of care requested was for school-age children	13% of care requested was for school-age programs

Massachusetts Child Care Supply

Includes: Public School Programs, Private Schools, Headstart, Nursery Schools & all EEC licensed programs.

Type of Care	Statewide Capacity	% of Statewide Capacity
Total Center based Programs	243,063	84%
Infant, Toddler, Preschool Programs	87,223	36%
Part time Preschool Programs	71,193	29%
School Age Programs	84,647	35%
Family Child Care	47,338	16%

✓ 28,899 families, with 37,885 children, received child care resource & referral services from their local CCR&Rs in 2007.

✓ 10% R&R over increase in services 2006



“Thank you! ... Thank you! Thank you! You ran a search helping me find family daycare providers As you can imagine, a first time parent trying to find day care is a little intimidating, a little scary! It was like getting gold in the mail having all these people to call and talk to. I cannot thank you enough for running this search for me that I really, really appreciate it. My many many thanks!” A Parent

Where are the Children?

31% of children in care are in full time center based programs
29% of children in care are in before/after-school programs
26% of children in care are in part-time center programs
14% 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 **290,401**

Family Child Care in Massachusetts: A Profile



Family child care homes provide 33% of the available full time child care in Massachusetts.

In 2007, 3,743 potential self-employed business owners participated in training to operate a child care enterprise.

Family Child Care Statistics

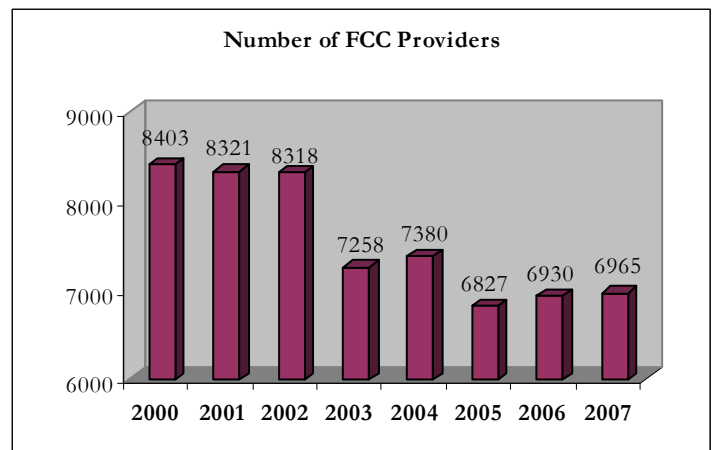
Number of active providers	6,965
NAFCC accredited providers	83
FCC providers who speak English	86%
FCC providers who speak Spanish	26%
FCC providers speaking other languages	11%
FCC providers part of a FCC system	36%

“Family child care programs play a key role in the overall child care system by providing care in a small, home-like setting. Children reap the benefits of learning in a mixed-age group as well as continuity of care with a consistent caregiver. Families’ needs are met by the unique opportunities offered by family child care, such as non-traditional hours and flexible scheduling.” CCR&R Director

Decline in Available Care

Since a peak this decade in 2000 of **8,403** providers, there has been a **20%** decline in the number of family child care businesses. This has resulted in **1,438** fewer providers and a loss of **5,468** child care slots.

Why is this important? In addition to often being the more affordable choice of care, family child care providers provide roughly **61%** of the available infant care in MA making it a critical option for working parents.



Health Care Statistics

72% of the currently licensed FCC providers responded to Network questions concerning health care coverage.

- 13% of respondents had no health care coverage for themselves.
- 43% of respondents indicated that they would like help in obtaining health care coverage.
- 54% of respondents rely on a spouse for their health care coverage.

Education Statistics

(76% of providers reporting)

Highest Level of Education Obtained	Number of Providers	Percentage
Less than H.S./GED	404	8%
H.S./GED	1871	44%
AA degree – ECE related	452	9%
AA degree – non-related	401	8%
Bachelor’s degree	820	15%
Advanced degree	184	3%
RN/LPN	43	1%
Some college courses	1145	22%*

*represents a 5% increase over 2006

Voucher Child Care in Massachusetts: A Profile

Facts About

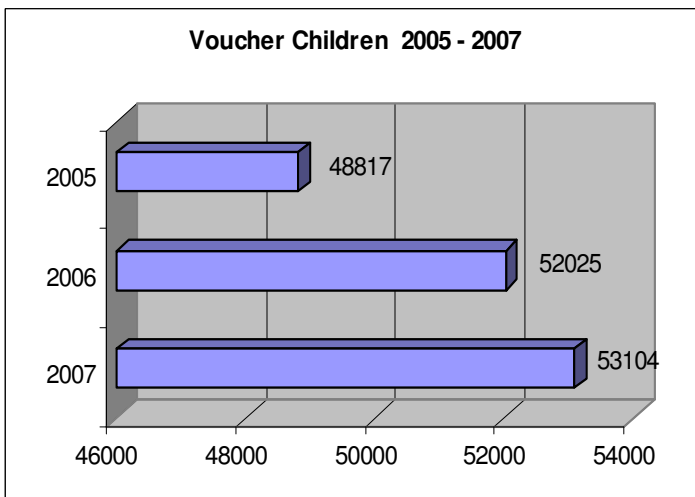
Local CCR&R Voucher Services:

- ✓ **53,104** children received child care vouchers
- ✓ **\$219 million** dollars was efficiently managed & distributed to voucher providers by MCCR&Rs in FY '07
- ✓ **12%** increase in voucher subsidy dollars over FY '06



"If it weren't for this program, it wouldn't even be worth me working because the cost of child care is so high. Thank you for your assistance."

A Voucher Parent



Local child care resource & referral agencies

- ✓ **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
- ✓ **9%** increase in voucher children served since 2005
- ✓ **100%** of the MCCR&R access management services are **reimbursed** by the Federal Government
- ✓ **24,000** children were on the EEC waitlist for subsidized child care as of December 2007

- **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 almost **6,000** licensed providers and licensed exempt programs who provided care for children with vouchers in FY '07.
- **Collect** and maintain up-to-date data on over **10,500** 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.

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"Having child care assistance has made my life easier by enabling me to get off of welfare, go to college & now obtain a new job after. Thank you for helping make a difference in my life and that of my children"

A Voucher Parent



Professional Development

The local child care resource and referral agencies provided **Professional Development** opportunities to approximately **27,000** people, through a variety of tracks that are available to **everyone** working in the early education and care field. A total of **1,711** training events were offered statewide.

Working partners are a key component to the CCR&R model. In 2007, CCR&Rs had over **1,000 collaborations** that included

- CAP agencies
- Center Providers
- Chambers of Commerce
- CPCs
- 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 **2007** included:

Supporting Diversity

3,526 early education and care staff attended courses in languages other than English.

Training to Meet EEC Licensing Standards

3,821 early education and care staff attended special needs trainings.

Alternative Learning

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

Advancing the Field

1,320 early education and care staff completed credit bearing courses.



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