

Child Care Technical Assistance Network



The Child Care Bureau (CCB) is dedicated to enhancing the quality, affordability, and availability of child care for all families. CCB administers Federal funds to States, Territories, and Tribes to assist low-income families in accessing quality child care for children when the parents work or participate in education or training. CCB has contracted with the following partners to promote their mission.

Afterschool Investments Project

Telephone: (202) 587-1000 E-mail: afterschool@financeproject.org Web: www.nccic.org/afterschool

The Afterschool Investments Project provides technical assistance to support program development and administration on issues related to after-school initiatives. The project produces and disseminates information, tools, and materials for supporting and sustaining programs and creating successful partnerships between Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) grantees and many other public and private sector partners responsible for improving after-school opportunities in the States. The Finance Project serves as contractor in partnership with the National Governors Association.

Contractor: The Finance Project, Project Director: Sharon Deich [Telephone: (202) 587-1006]

Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL)

Telephone: (217) 333-4123 E-mail: rcorso@uiuc.edu Web: www.csefel.uiuc.edu

This 5-year project is a national center created to help Head Start and other child care programs identify and implement practices with demonstrated effectiveness in promoting children's social and emotional competence. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has developed a consortium of universities and early childhood organizations to conduct the goals of the Center, among which are to use a culturally sensitive approach that is inclusive and responsive to the needs of those it serves, to disseminate evidence-based practices, and to collaborate with providers to ensure that practices are implemented and sustained at the local level.

Grantee: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (by Cooperative Agreement from the Child Care and Head Start Bureaus), Co-Project Directors: Dr. Rob Corso and Tweety Yates [Telephone: (217) 333-4123]

Child Care and Early Education Research Connections

Telephone: (646) 284-9617 E-mail: contact@childcareresearch.org Web: www.childcareresearch.org

Child Care and Early Education *Research Connections* promotes high quality research in child care and early education and the use of that research in policymaking. Through a user-friendly, Web-based repository of research publications, datasets, data collection instruments, and specially developed reviews of research, *Research Connections* makes child care and early education research accessible to researchers, policymakers, and practitioners. *Research Connections* also provides on-line technical assistance, convenes meetings on timely research issues, and hosts trainings on the use of datasets in its collection.

Contractor: National Center for Children in Poverty, Project Co-Directors: Dr. J. Lee Kreader [Telephone: (646) 284-9625] and Dr. Mariajose Romero [Telephone: (646) 284-9641]

Child Care Automation Resource Center (CCARC)

Telephone: (877) 249-9117 E-mail: ccarc@childcaredata.org Web: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/ta/ccarc/index.htm

The CCARC supports States, Territory, and Tribal grantee efforts to collect, manage, use, and report child care data. The Center's primary objective is to help build the capacity of information systems at the local level to strengthen the quality and utilization of CCDF administrative data. CCARC maintains software utilities for data providers and provides training through on-site visits and workshops at conferences. The Center also hosts a Web site and a toll-free technical assistance helpline.

Contractor: Anteon Corporation, Project Director: Helen Papadopoulos [Telephone: (301) 692-0586]

Child Care Aware (CCA)

Telephone: (800) 424-2246 E-mail: info@childcareaware.org Web: www.childcareaware.org

The National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, through a cooperative agreement with CCB, receives funding to operate CCA, a national toll-free consumer telephone hotline and Web site available in both English and Spanish. CCA provides consumer education materials and links families to their local child care experts for referrals to child care programs and related early care and education and parenting resources. *Grantee: National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, Project Director: Ollie Smith [Telephone: (202) 393-5501, ext. 142]*

Conference Management Center (CMC)

Telephone: (301) 315-2800 E-mail: cmc@z-techcorp.com

Web: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/ta/conf/index.htm>

The CMC provides logistical and program support to CCB and to State, Territorial, and Tribal agencies for planning and conducting national and regional meetings, conferences, and forums on critical child care issues. In addition to national conferences, such as the annual CCB State Administrators meeting, the Child Care Research meeting, and the Healthy Child Care America Conference, CMC works closely with ACF Regional liaisons to coordinate and conduct meetings in all 10 ACF Regions.

Contractor: Z-Tech Corporation, Project Director: Michele Dillon [Telephone: (301) 315-2825]

Healthy Child Care America (HCCA)

Telephone: (888) 227-5409 E-mail: hcca@aap.org Web: www.healthychildcare.org

The American Academy of Pediatrics, through an intraagency agreement between the CCB and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, receives support to coordinate Healthy Child Care America (HCCA) activities. HCCA strives to maximize the health, safety, well-being, and developmental potential of children enrolled in early education and child care programs so they will achieve healthy development and school readiness. Activities focus on supporting States and programs to enhance child care health and safety regulations, increasing the use of trained child care health consultants, and using child care programs as an access point to ensure medical homes and comprehensive health care.

Grantee: American Academy of Pediatrics, Project Director: Laura Aird [Telephone: (847) 434-7132]

National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC)

Telephone: (800) 616-2242 E-mail: info@nccic.org Web: <http://nccic.org>

NCCIC links parents, providers, policymakers, researchers, and the public to early care and education information through support to CCB and ACF Regional Offices. NCCIC provides publications, conference and meeting support, question-and-answer services, technical assistance and training to States, and maintains the NCCIC Online Library and Web site.

Contractor: Caliber Associates/Collins Management Consulting, Inc

Project Director: Janet Mascia [Telephone: (800) 616-2242]

National Infant & Toddler Child Care Initiative

Telephone: (202) 638-1144, ext. 625 E-mail: itcc@zerotothree.org Web: <http://nccic.org/itcc>

The National Infant and Toddler Child Care Initiative at ZERO TO THREE, a project of CCB, is designed to work collaboratively with CCDF State child care administrators to help advance system improvements in infant and toddler child care. The project will collect, produce, and disseminate information and resources and help States develop or implement plans to support strategic initiatives and evaluate progress. *Contractor: ZERO TO THREE, Project Director: Dianne Stetson [Telephone: (202) 638-1144, ext. 677]*

Tribal Child Care Technical Assistance Center (TriTAC)

Telephone: (800) 388-7670 E-mail: tritac2@aol.com Web: <http://nccic.org/tribal>

TriTAC provides targeted technical assistance services to more than 500 Tribes supported by CCDF. Services provided include a toll-free information and referral line; maintenance of a Web site offering information on Tribal child care programs, including available resources; an annual national Tribal child care conference; and Tribal cluster trainings.

Contractor: Native American Management Services, Project Director: Linda Kills Crow [Telephone: (918) 287-1650]

All project Web sites can be accessed via the CCB home page at <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ccb>.