



Child Care Development Fund

The North Dakota Department of Human Services administers the Child Care Development Fund. Licensed 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 registered providers
- Child Care Resource and Referral agency
- Bright & Early North Dakota, the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System
- Licensing inspection and monitoring information
- Complaint process for families and providers

Child Care Assistance Program

The Child Care Assistance Program helps low income families pay for child care while they work or attend an education or training activity. Learn more at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/financialhelp/childcare.html.

Child Care Licensing

Child care licensing regulations are designed to protect and promote child safety and well-being in child care settings. Licensing is one form of consumer protection. Licensed child care offers parents the knowledge that providers are regulated through standards and monitoring. Find out more at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/childcare/.

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agencies

The Department of Human Services contracts with Child Care Aware 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 registered child care providers who are currently accepting children, the quality rating of the provider, inspection and monitoring reports and more. Search online at www.ndchildcare.org/parents/find-child-care/search.html.

Referrals to licensed and registered child care programs. Call 800-997-8515 or email referral@ndchildcare.org.

Resources including tips for choosing licensed child care at www.ndchildcare.org/parents/choose.html

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.

Bright & Early North Dakota

Bright & Early North Dakota is the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System. The department's initiative ensures that children receive 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. For information on when and who to contact to set up a screening, visit https://ndchildcare.org/file_download/620cb53f-1d45-4cbb-addd-e35706b0aa6f

How to File a Complaint

If you suspect a parent or child care provider is misusing funds from the Child Care Assistance Program, submit a complaint to your local county social service office or call 1-800-472-2622 or email amarshall@nd.gov.