

Child Care Providers Are Professionals



Promoting participation in your professional organization today!

Become a member of Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children and/or the National Association for Family Child Care to join other early childhood professionals as they become one voice for the profession and for Idaho's children.

For more information about becoming a member, visit the NAEYC website: www.naeyc.org or www.nafcc.org for the National Association for Family Child Care



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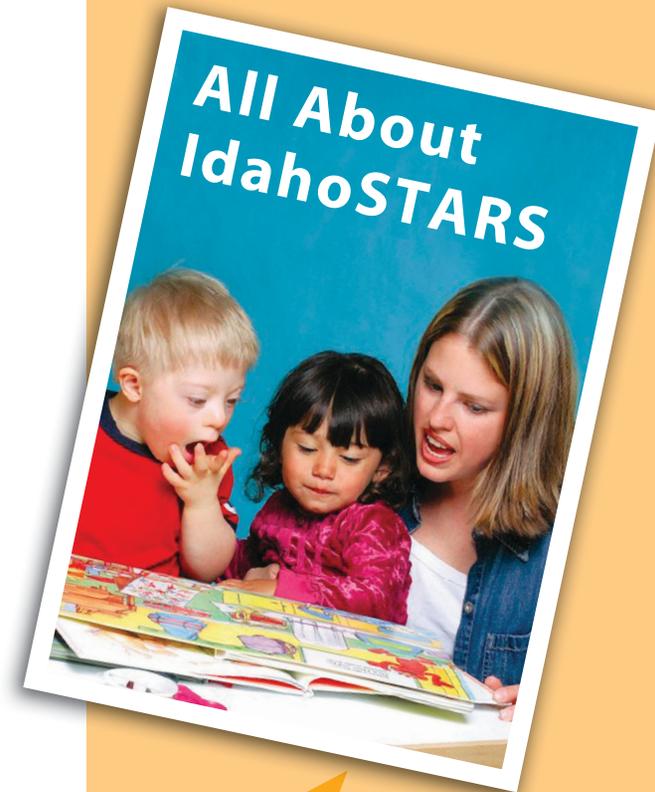
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visit www.idahostars.org

or dial 2-1-1 Idaho CareLine

or 1-800-926-2588 and ask for your local CCR&R office

IdahoSTARS – Quality Child Care Matters

IDAHO CHILD CARE PROGRAM (ICCP) & IDAHO STATE CHILD CARE LICENSING

The Vendor Specialists within IdahoSTARS supports child care providers as they seek to become ICCP Providers or Idaho State Child Care licensed. ICCP is a federally funded tuition assistance program that supports families with the affordability of child care. The regional Child Care Resource & Referral offices (CCR&R) offer orientations to answer questions and assist providers to complete the requirements. All documents are submitted to the Vendor Specialists who continue to work with providers to assure their paperwork is processed in a timely manner.

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL OFFICES (CCR&R)

CCR&R staff work with parents and child care providers in seven regional offices across Idaho to offer:

For Child Care Providers

- orientations to ICCP and the IdahoSTARS Professional Development System (PDS)
- technical assistance site visits
- resources and referrals to supporting agencies
- lending libraries that have educational materials and a variety of items to be used in child care programs

For Parents

Child Care Facility Referrals

CCR&R Referral Specialists assist parents looking for child care by offering information on quality child care and then matching the family's preferences with available facilities through a statewide database with information for more than 1,500 facilities including location, type of facility, hours of operation, rates, and ICCP eligibility. Parents can use this information when choosing the best child care setting for their children.

RESOURCES FOR SPANISH SPEAKING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

The IdahoSTARS Statewide Bilingual Consultant supports the monolingual Spanish speaking child care provider by offering resources and support through telephone contact and on-site visits. ICCP and Professional Development System (PDS) Orientations and supporting materials are available in Spanish.

SUPPORTING HIGH QUALITY INCLUSIVE CHILD CARE

Children with special needs and disabilities are successful in the child care environment, routines and activities. IdahoSTARS provides resources to support inclusive child care.

PROMOTING CULTURAL COMPETENCY WITHIN IDAHOSTARS

The IdahoSTARS Multi-Cultural Community Liaison works with a variety of agencies and organizations in Idaho to ensure that IdahoSTARS project materials and procedures are culturally competent.

CHILD CARE FACILITY QUALITY RATING & IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM (QRIS)

The QRIS is a quality improvement process for child care facilities that measures their progress toward providing high quality programs for parents and children. Facilities interested in the QRIS can attend an orientation to get started.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM (PDS)

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare through the University of Idaho's Center on Disabilities and Human Development (CDHD) and the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC) are pleased to offer a Professional Development System for Idaho's child care professionals as follows:

- **IdahoSTARS Registry:** A statewide process to track the status, wages, working conditions, employment, and educational achievements of Idaho's early care and education professionals
- **Career Pathway:** A chart to follow in establishing a PDS Registry participant's baseline education and experience. The chart also details the required education, professional development training, and experience to progress from one level to the next.
- **Incentives/Scholarships:** Cash incentives are available for eligible child care professionals who continue their training thus moving along the Career Pathway. IdahoSTARS offers scholarships for training and academic degrees. Mentor/Coaches for Early Care and Education offer mentoring services and apprenticeships with on-the-job training for child care providers. Child Care Health Consultants are also available to provide technical assistance for health and safety issues in the child care setting.
- **Trainer/Training Approval:** IdahoSTARS approved trainers and training offer high quality training for providers in 10 core knowledge components intended to assist providers in offering high quality child care programs. Approved training is listed on the training calendar and is available for viewing on the IdahoSTARS website www.idahostars.org.

Our Vision

Idaho's children have access to the highest quality early care and education.