

5101:2-15-02**Child care resource and referral service organization qualifications, services, and technical assistance.****(A) What is early care and education?**

- (1) "Early care and education" means non-parental, supervised care from infancy through early adolescence, in all types of early care and education settings.**
- (2) Programs include environments in which children and youth spend time supervised by one or more adults other than a parent or permanent guardian. Early care and education programs include, but are not limited to:**
  - (a) In-home care.**
  - (b) Licensed family child care homes.**
  - (c) Centers.**
  - (d) Preschools including head start and school based programs.**

**(B) What are the responsibilities of the child care resource and referral service agencies?**

- (1) Support providers of early care and education in increasing the supply and quality of early care and education services.**
- (2) Assist families in accessing early care and education services that meet both the developmental needs of children and the employment-related needs of families.**
- (3) Support community involvement in improving the early care and education system.**
- (4) Provide the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) policy makers and community partners with reports and statistics on early care and education.**

**(C) What are the qualifications for child care resource and referral service agencies?**

- (1) Be a community based non-profit organization that does not currently provide direct child care services.**
- (2) Be a community based non-profit organization that has delivered early care and education services in the previous three years.**
- (3) Be an organization that has as part of its mission the provision of services to all socio-economic groups.**

- (4) Be accessible and responsive to all families and early care and education programs in all counties of its service delivery area.
- (5) Be competent in providing culturally appropriate services to the linguistic and ethnic groups in their communities.
- (6) Employ staff with education, expertise or experience as required by ODJFS.
- (7) Be capable of meeting the specific requirements as defined in the grant agreement.
- (D) What documentation shall the child care resource and referral service agencies submit to ODJFS?

  - (1) Requests for payment.
  - (2) Fiscal reports, including project budget summaries and budget revisions.
  - (3) Activity reports of services rendered by the agency.
- (E) What are ODJFS' responsibilities pending the availability of funds?

  - (1) Develop and coordinate uniform data collection procedures between ODJFS and the child care resource and referral service organizations under grant agreement with ODJFS.
  - (2) Provide technical assistance related to services specified in the ODJFS grant agreement to child care resource and referral service organizations under grant agreement with ODJFS and to local communities around the state.

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