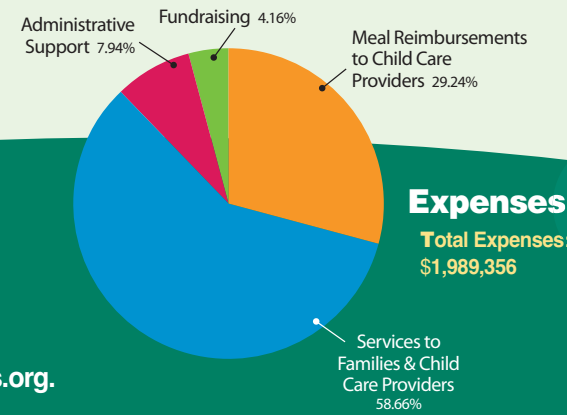
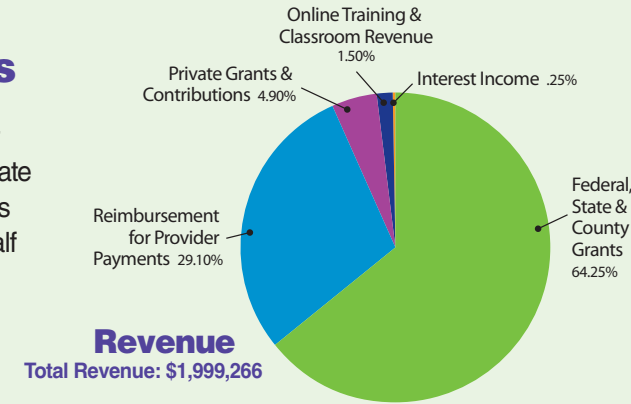


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Child Care Resources' mission is to help kids grow into successful adults by enriching the learning environment of their crucial early years.

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ChildCareResources

On behalf of our youngest neighbors, and with an eye toward our shared future, Child Care Resources champions parents and early childhood educators. We seek to build a stronger, more robust, and interconnected early childhood system. Most Montanans and most Americans support increased investment in early childhood education. Our goal is to translate that vision and support into a higher quality system that works better for kids, parents, and early childhood teachers. Ultimately, a stronger early childhood system will help us build stronger communities.

Please join us in that effort.

“ Every child deserves a champion—an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be. ”

— Rita Pierson



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All children deserve supportive, enriching early childhood care and education.

For about two thirds of Montana's young children who live with working parents, many hours of early learning occur at a child care or preschool program.

At **Child Care Resources**, we are passionate about the importance of early care and education. Ninety percent of the brain develops by age five. We are missing the boat if we wait until kids are in school to invest. What happens for kids in the early years lays the foundation for success in relationships, school, work, and life.



We want all families to have access to high-quality child care.

CCR helps parents find a **child care program to meet their needs**. We maintain a database of child care facilities to match family needs with facility services and vacancies.

Last year, **we helped 576 families find child care**. We empower parents to make good decisions for their child by sharing information about what to look for in a child care program.

Did you know child care costs \$750-\$1,000 per month? We help low-income families pay for child care while they work or go to school.

Last year **we helped 657 families with over 1,000 children** each month pay for child care by administering Montana's Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship program in our region.

With the generous support of private donations, CCR was able to go beyond the regulatory limits of the Best Beginnings program.

We helped 47 families with 66 children pay for child care and summer programs for kids ages 6 - 9 that could not be covered by the state's scholarship program. We covered child care during family emergencies and English classes for refugee parents.



We want every child care program to be fantastic.

A high-quality early care and education program has a tremendous, positive impact on life success, particularly for disadvantaged children.

“ A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of curiosity, knowledge, and wisdom in the pupils.”

— Ever Garrison

We help child care teachers become that compass via training, consulting and onsite support. Last year, **we offered 362 hours of classroom training to 818 participants**.



Additionally, **4,208 participants throughout Montana completed 12,974 courses through our on-line training website**. We added seven online health and safety courses now required by state licensing. Our online training volume increased by 24% in 2017.

Training alone doesn't always improve practice. So, we follow up with individualized consulting and coaching services to child care providers who participate in Montana's voluntary **STARS to Quality program**.

Last year, **49 programs took part in STARS. Four were new participants and 12 moved up one or more levels**. CCR offered **1,667 hours of consulting and on-site coaching services**, an increase of 59% over FY16.

We want kids to be healthy.



Healthy eating habits are formed early in life. During this period of rapid growth and physical activity, nutrition is of tremendous importance. We sponsor the USDA Child Care Food Program which reimburses child care providers for nutritious meals. Last year, an average of **76 child care homes received meal reimbursements monthly**.

CCR collaborates with the Missoula City-County Health Department to link a public health nurse with child care programs. The nurse offers health training and individual consultation to support child care providers.

