There is significant shortage of child care throughout the state, with capacity to serve only 44% of the children who need child care.

The infant care shortage is acute. This shortage undermines workforce participation while we also have low unemployment. CCR has been working with business leaders, local government leaders, and community partners to support child care business startups and expansions. We expect to continue and expand this work in 2020 and beyond.

Thanks to our grantors, donors, community partners, and area early childhood professionals for supporting Child Care Resources and families with young children.

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

FY 2019 Financials:

FY 2019 Total Revenue
$1,935,257

FY 2019 Total Expenses
$1,914,804

Change in Net Assets: $20,453
Nici Schupbach is the owner of Nici Mouse Playhouse, a STAR 2 child care facility that serves 12 children. She recently earned her Child Development Associate Certificate (CDA) with the help of a scholarship program through Child Care Resources. Schupbach said that getting her CDA made her reflect upon how she can better her program, as well as improve her teaching skills. When parents come into her program they see her as a professional due to the training she received for the CDA.

Kari and Travis Wafstet are the parents of four children, ages five, four, 18 months, and one year. They use Nici Mouse Playhouse to care for their three youngest children. The Best Beginnings Scholarship pays for child care for their 18-month-old foster daughter. They are grateful that with the help of the Best Beginnings Scholarship their soon to be adopted daughter can attend a STARS to Quality program with their other children.

FY 2019 Highlights:

• 513 families reached out for help finding child care. Sadly, CCR was not able to help everyone due to a shortage of care, particularly infant care.

• 642 sets of fingerprints were taken to implement new background check requirements for all child care staff.

• 24,645 enrollments in online training, a 20% increase over FY2018

• 589 families per month with 990 kids received child care scholarships

• 600 hours of classroom training

• 498,420 meals subsidized at participating child care homes

• 2009 hours of individualized consulting and coaching

• 8 provider grants totalling $17,076 for new child care businesses and in response to facility emergencies

• 19 new child care facilities opened and 10 closed for a net of 9 new facilities.

• 37 child care facilities supported to improve quality via Montana’s STARS to Quality program.

“We see how early childhood experiences are so important to lifelong outcomes, how the early environment literally becomes embedded in the brain and changes its architecture.”

— Andrew S. Garner