

Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam Achieves National QA Certification

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. announced today that the organization has attained Quality Assurance, establishing it as one of the nation's leading Child Care Resource and Referral agencies (CCR&Rs). The national recognition was awarded by Child Care Aware® of America.

"We are extremely proud to have achieved Child Care Aware® of America Quality Assurance, which identifies our agency as meeting the highest national standards for CCR&R quality," said Jeanne Wagner, Executive Director, of the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. "We have been helping families in Dutchess County since 1970 and in Putnam County since 2006, to recognize, find and pay for quality child care, and have been working with our communities to identify child care needs and create solutions. This national seal of approval proves that we are succeeding."

Child Care Aware® of America Quality Assurance is a voluntary, national certification program for the field of Child Care Resource and Referral, including State Networks and local CCR&RS. It is a rigorous and comprehensive validation process that enables CCR&Rs to meet Best Practices Criteria for delivering outstanding services to parents, child care providers, businesses and communities.

"The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. meets national standards for core competencies and services and has proven itself to be one of the best resources for parents seeking information about child care," said Lynette M. Fraga, Ph.D., Executive Director of Child Care Aware® of America. "The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.'s achievement of Child Care Aware® of America Quality Assurance solidifies its place as one of the top CCR&Rs in the nation."

In Dutchess and Putnam Counties in 2012, the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. responded to 786 requests for child care; provided professional development trainings for 1,287 attendees; and distributed child care tuition scholarships to 21 families with 27 children.

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. works to promote affordable and quality child care, provide information and support to families, and strengthen the early childhood workforce in Dutchess and Putnam Counties.