

What is a Child Care Resource and Referral Agency?

A CCR&R is the go-to source for early care and education. We help to ensure that all young children have the kinds of early learning experiences that promote school and lifelong success. We provide information to parents on locating child care, how to determine what quality child care looks like, child care subsidies, and services for families. We recruit child care providers, provide start-up information and technical assistance in meeting regulatory requirements. We provide the community with education on child care issues and current data needed in planning for community services and support employers in planning, implementing and providing employee child care services.

Dutchess County Supply and Demand							
Town	Slots Available	Vacancies	Requests for care	Town	Slots Available	Vacancies	Requests for care
Amenia	137	3	2	Pine Plains	40	30	4
Annandale-on-Hudson	46	0	1	Pleasant Valley	137	4	23
Arlington	0	0	12	Poughkeepsie	2582	420	277
Beacon	765	45	29	Poughquag	80	28	12
Beekman	0	0	1	Rhinebeck	144	15	7
Clinton Corners	0	0	4	Salt Point	8	0	1
Dover Plains	50	6	4	Staatsburg	16	3	11
East Fishkill	0	0	1	Stanfordville	0	0	2
Fishkill	257	63	17	Stormville	92	5	6
Glenham	168	0	0	Tivoli	16	4	3
Holmes	81	0	1	Verbank	16	0	3
Hopewell Junction	839	61	27	Wappingers Falls	1223	251	50
Hyde Park	861	119	41	Wassaic	0	0	1
Lagrangeville	260	44	13	Wingdale	118	7	7
Millbrook	116	25	3				
Millerton	26	1	1				
Pawling	391	53	7				

Highlighted areas, in the chart above and to the left, show where the requests for care are higher than the vacancies available.

Putnam County Supply and Demand			
Town	Slots Available	Vacancies	Requests for care
Brewster	1213	213	11
Carmel	436	144	19
Cold Spring	100	9	7
Garrison	16	0	5
Holmes	58	16	1
Lake Peekskill	0	0	3
Mahopac	736	53	18
Patterson	324	72	3
Putnam Lake	0	0	1
Putnam Valley	306	27	3

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.'s free referral service offers assistance in many areas pertaining to numerous aspects of child care, including but not limited to child care referrals, summer recreation information, nursery schools, pre-k programs and cost and subsidy information. Parents supply information such as hours of care needed, location, school district, etc. to the Referral Specialist. Since referrals are not recommendations, the Referral Specialist encourages the parents to visit the child care programs and meet with the provider(s) before choosing a program an enrolling their child(ren).

Registration

The Child Care Council oversees the registration of Family Day Care (FDC) and School Age Child Care (SACC)

Family Day Care Homes - provide care for three to six children at a time in a residence; may add one or two school-age children. The maximum allowable number of children will depend on the number of infants in care.

School-Age Child Care Programs - provide care for more than six children from kindergarten through age twelve. Care for children is during non-school hours and may also be during school vacations and holidays.

	Dutchess	Putnam
Regulated programs as of 12/31/2018		
Family Day Care (FDC)	57	15
School Age Child Care (SACC)	44	12
Group Family Day Care	64	19
Day Care Center	65	27
Inspections Performed (FDC & SACC)	428	113
Complaints investigated (FDC & SACC)	19	1



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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.



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A look back at 2018

Health Care Consultant

The Medication Administration Training (MAT) course, approved by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), is a skill-based training that teaches child care providers best practice techniques for giving medication and helps providers understand OCFS regulations about giving medications. The training provides an overview of medication effects and ways to give both over-the-counter and prescription medication. It covers the handling, storage and safe disposal of medication; permission and instruction requirements; preparation and administration techniques; asthma, emergency care and special situations. The class is eight (8) hours of training and includes a video training component as well as hands-on-demonstrations.

The chart below shows the number of MAT providers.

	Dutchess	Putnam
Family Day Care	4	1
Group Family Day Care	8	5
Day Care Center	30	9
School Age Child Care	7	5

Quality Improvement

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam assesses the needs of qualifying programs and with the child care providers identifies resources to improve the program. The Child Care Council purchases the resources and provides technical assistance to ensure the quality improvement.

	Dutchess	Putnam
Number of Providers	9	17
Total Amount Spent	\$4,471.34	\$8,382.03

Parent Education

The Parent workshop that took place January of 2018 was entitled "Understanding Sensory Needs and How it Relates to Behavior". This workshop was in response to overwhelming requests for training in the topic area of sensory issues. This training was well received and participants had very positive responses.

	Dutchess
Number of Trainings	1
Number of Participants	15
Number of Newsletters	3

Professional Development

Registered/licensed child care providers are required to complete thirty (30) hours of training every two years. The thirty (30) hours of training must address the following topics: Principles of childhood development, focusing on the developmental age groups for which they provide care; nutrition and health needs of children; child day care program development; safety and security procedures; business record maintenance and management; child abuse and maltreatment identification and prevention; statutes and regulations pertaining to child day care; statutes and regulations pertaining to child abuse and maltreatment; the education and information on the identification, diagnosis, and prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome. The Child Care Council of Dutchess & Putnam, Inc. provides training in these areas at our office or at the program site.

	Dutchess	Putnam
At Program Location	9	2
Number of Attendees	140	14
At the Child Care Council	20	0
Number of Attendees	187	0
Council Cluster	3	2
Number of Attendees	11	13

Family Day Care Network

The Early Childhood Specialist facilitates training at the homes of family and group family day care providers or at The Council. Participating providers receive a grant or resources for each meeting attended in order to improve the quality of their programs.

	Dutchess	Putnam
Number of Meetings	4	11
Number of Members	13	15
Total Amount of Grants	\$1338.50	\$6622.50

Child Care Scholarships

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam provides scholarships to qualifying families to help pay for child care through a grant from the Dyson Foundation.

	Dutchess
Number of Families	26
Number of Children	28
Total Scholarships	\$69,734.00

Child and Adult Care Food Program

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides reimbursement for nutritious meals and snacks served to children while in child care. These meals must meet the nutritional standards set by the United States Department of Agriculture. Through CACFP, nationally more than 4.2 million children receive nutritious meals and snacks each day as part of the care they receive.

In Dutchess and Putnam Counties:

299,914

total meals and snacks served
Average number of providers per month: 53
Average number of children each month: 682

Health and Safety

A Legally Exempt provider is an unlicensed, informal child care provider who cares for up to 2 unrelated children and receives payment from the Department of Social Services. Parents must be eligible to receive subsidy services and the provider must meet certain criteria.

The Child Care Council performs inspections on a percentage of Legally Exempt providers and uses grant money to purchase supplies to improve the Health and Safety of these programs.

	Dutchess
Number Receiving Grants	12
Total Amount of Grants	\$439.70

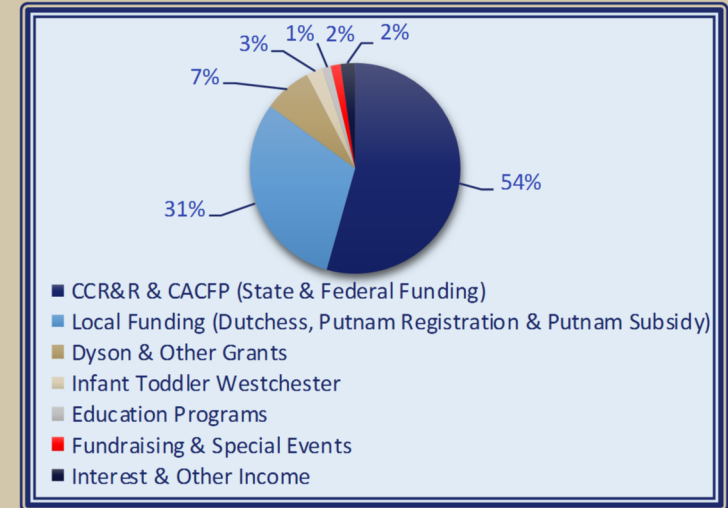
Subsidy

In both Dutchess and Putnam Counties, a parent may qualify for a low income child care subsidy to help pay for child care. In Dutchess County, the Department of Community and Family Services and in Putnam County, The Department of Social Services handles the subsidies. In Putnam, the Child Care Council determines eligibility for child care subsidies. In 2018, both counties' eligibility levels to qualify for a subsidy was at 200% of the federal poverty level. That translates to a family of three earning up to \$41,560.

	Putnam
Number of Families Served	106
Number of Children Served	165

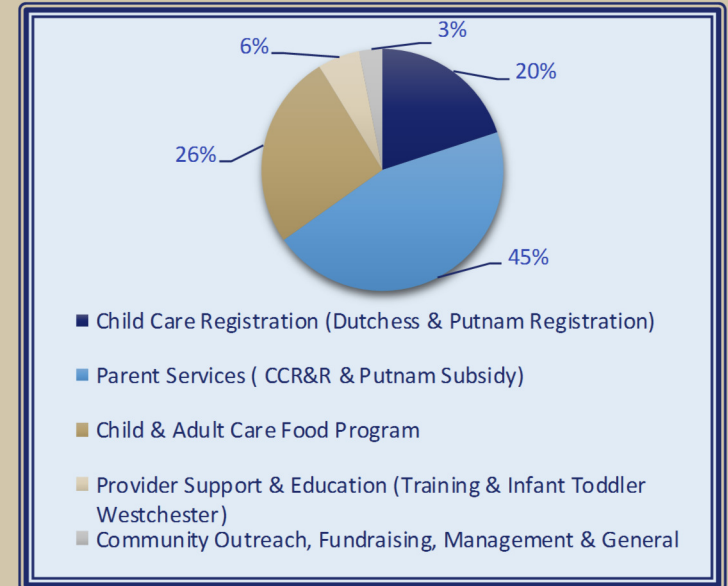
Financials

2018 Total Income: \$ 1,583,801.32



CCR&R & CACFP (State & Federal Funding)	\$788,986.42
Dutchess, Putnam Registration & Putnam Subsidy	\$511,506.38
Dyson & Other Grants	\$186,254.00
Infant Toddler Westchester	\$47,473.24
Education Programs	\$23,461.84
Fundraising & Special Events	\$20,927.31
Interest & Other Income	\$5,192.13

2018 Total Expenses: \$ 1,484,265.42



Child Care Registration	\$296,341.48
Parent Services	\$671,127.56
Child And Adult Care Food Program	\$387,217.28
Provider Support and Education	\$83,596.90
Community Outreach, Fundraising, Management & General	\$45,982.20

At the time of printing, 2018 audit was not yet completed.