THE OHIO BOLD BEGINNING!

The Ohio BOLD Beginning! website is the premier way for Ohio’s parents, grandparents, caretakers, teachers, and child care providers to access all things related to early childhood in Ohio’s state agencies. Check it out today! boldbeginning.ohio.gov

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL (CCR&R) AGENCIES

Local CCR&Rs provide information about child care to families in their communities. They also provide professional development and technical assistance to local child care, early learning, and out-of-school time providers. CCR&Rs can help you achieve a Step Up To Quality rating or increasing your current rating. To find your local CCR&R, click here.

CHILD CARE AWARE OF AMERICA FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Child Care Aware® of America operates Fee Assistance Programs that serve military and some non-military families. If you have a valid state license and annual licensing inspection, you may be eligible to participate. Please see below for more information.

Operation Military Child Care provides fee assistance for families of deployed Army or mobilized Army National Guard service members during their deployment.

The Military Child Care In Your Neighborhood provides fee assistance for families of active-duty service members and full-time Army National Guard employees who are unable to access on-post child care. In addition to having a valid state license and annual licensing inspection report, providers also must have a national accreditation.

Program Text Messages

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services can now send cell phone text messages to early childhood programs with Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System (OCLQS) accounts. Text messages may include information about the following:

- Policy changes
- New technical assistance documents
- System desk aids
- Professional development opportunities
- Confirmation of a program’s decision to opt in or cancel text messaging services

You can OPT IN for text messaging through your program’s OCLQS account. Email will continue to be the primary means of communicating with programs. For guidance on how to use text messaging, visit OCLQS Licensing Job Aids | Early Learning and Development | Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
**PARENT RESOURCES TO SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILIES**

**Tips for Doing Math Around Your Home**

Children are budding mathematicians – full of wonder about how the world works, noticing patterns around them, and solving problems. Parents and caregivers play an important role by helping their children learn math, even before they start school. For more information, check out [Tips for Doing Math Around Your Home](#) | PBS KIDS for Parents.

**PANDEMIC RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES**

**Video:** [Helping Children Thrive During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)  
Ohio Department of Health Resources: [COVID-19 Vaccine Myths vs Facts](#)

**PANDEMIC RESOURCES FOR PROGRAMS**

Post-Pandemic Guidance for Child Care Programs  
Effective June 2, 2021

Hero Pay for Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes

One-Time Pandemic Support Payments for Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

Ohio’s Summer Library Program, Tails and Tales is designed to engage all age groups in exploring new ideas, books, and activities. The program is free and packed full of new adventures and fun! Sign up for a summer reading program in your area by using the following link to find the public library near you: [library.ohio.gov/using-the-library/find-an-ohio-library](library.ohio.gov/using-the-library/find-an-ohio-library). Programs are encouraged to share this information with their families!

**VOICES from the Field: Building Capacity to Support School-Age Children in Home-Based Child Care**

Healthy Weight Videos show caregivers and teachers simple ways to weave physical activity into early care and education programs. They also include tips for limiting screen time at centers and family child care homes. ([National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education](#))

Motion Moments:  
- Infants  
- Toddlers  
- Preschoolers  
- Screen Free Moments

Recursos en Español:  
Recursos Adicionales de Peso Saludable

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