



CDR is

Ventura County's Child Development Resource Partner.

We are proud to offer a variety of child care development resources and a foundation to build promising futures for children.

We deliver programs that enrich lives.

What are the first steps I should take when looking for child care?

First, you should request a list of child care provider referrals. This can be obtained by contacting CDR's Resource & Referral Department at 805.485.7878, Extension 512. Your referral will contain a list of Providers matching your specific needs. Next, you should set up an appointment to visit with the Providers that most meet your needs. Look around the home or facility to see that safety and health concerns are addressed. Finally, decide which Provider you feel has the best environment to care for your child. Every Parent has the right to licensing information by calling Community Care Licensing at 805.682.7647 or by visiting the facility and requesting to view their public file.

Can CDR provide me with a Child Care Provider recommendation?

CDR is the only state funded referral agency providing free child care referrals to all parents in Ventura County. CDR does not make recommendations for any particular Family Child Care Home, Child Care Center or In-Home child care giver.

Where can I find answers to other questions?

CDR is available to answer your questions from Monday - Friday during normal business hours. Voice messages can be left 24 hours a day and will be returned during the next business day. Call our Corporate Office at 805.485.7878 or visit us online anytime at www.cdrv.org.

Note: All information received from parents is confidential.

About CDR

Child Development Resources (CDR) provides a foundation to build promising futures for children. CDR collaborates with parents and the community to deliver programs that enrich lives.

CDR assists families in their effort to improve the condition and quality of family life. CDR invests its resources, in cooperation with parents and the community, to make for children a better present upon which they can build a fuller future.

CDR is a private non-profit corporation which receives State and Federal contracts to administer the Child Care Resource & Referral and Head Start Preschool Programs in Ventura County.

For more information about CDR visit us online at www.cdrv.org.



211 E. Ventura Boulevard, Oxnard, California 93036
805.485.7878 (p) 805.485.3479 (f) | www.cdrv.org



The Choice is Yours.

Make the Right One.



Child Care Options in Ventura County

CDR is the referral agency that is contracted by the State to provide free referrals to Child Care Parents in Ventura County. We work with a diverse Child Care Provider Database.

We're here for you.

Child Care Options

Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions a parent will make. Child Development Resources of Ventura County, Inc. (CDR) is here to assist you.

The first step in choosing child care is deciding what is the best child care setting for your child and your family. There are three basic types of child care available:

- Family Child Care
- Center-Based Child Care
- In-Home Child Care



*Every child's growth and development will be fully supported
to insure a happy and successful adult life.*

Meeting Your Child Care Needs

Depending on your preference, you may want to select a Center with an emphasis on a specific learning philosophy or religious affiliation. Center-Based Child Care can vary in programs and philosophy. Prior to enrolling your child in a Center, ask what type of programs are being offered.

In-Home Child Care

In-Home Child Care is when an individual is hired to come to your home to care for your children. The care-giver may either live in your home (live-in) and provide child care or may live in their own home and come to your home while you are away (live-out).

The care-givers may offer more flexible hours and days to suit your schedule. Individualized attention is given to your children. These care-givers are not licensed or monitored by the state. They may be referred to you by friends, neighbors, relatives, or through nanny placement agencies.

It is important to get as much information on the care giver as possible. Ask for references of past employers. Has the care giver been Trustlined? Parents may use Trustline to find out background information about care givers who are not currently required by the State of California to be licensed. Call CDR for more information.

Child Development Resources can provide a list of In-Home Services and placement agencies. If you need additional information, please contact CDR at 805.485.7878 Ext. 512.

Family Child Care

Family Child Care is the most common form of child care. It is a small group of children cared for in the home of a licensed Child Care Provider. Providers are licensed and monitored by the State of California, Department of Social Services, and Community Care Licensing. Licensed Providers have met the qualifications to have a licensed Family Child Care home; including background checks, health and safety standards and criminal record checks.

Two sizes of Family Child Care Homes are available, small and large. Providers are licensed to care for children in groups of up to eight or fourteen children. Providers who care for nine or more children are required to have an assistant.

Center-Based Child Care

Center-Based Child Care is available in a wide variety of programs such as full-day, part-day, and/or part-week. A Center may offer care to children as young as infants through school age. Centers may offer a structured program and may follow a particular learning philosophy.

Centers are licensed and monitored by the State of California, Department of Social Services, and Community Care Licensing. They provide age-specific or appropriate preschool or school-age programs. Centers provide children with social interaction in a large group setting.

The ratio of the number of children to the number of staff is:

- Children up to 2 years of age: 4 children to 1 adult
- Children 2 to 5 years of age: 12 children to 1 adult
- Children 6 years or older: 15 children to 1 adult



211 E. Ventura Boulevard, Oxnard, California 93036
805.485.7878 (p) 805.485.3479 (f) | www.cdrrv.org