

In most states, Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) services are supported by nonprofit organizations known as state CCR&R networks. State CCR&R networks provide coordination and leadership for the state's CCR&R system and improve the quality and consistency of services for parents, providers and communities.

State CCR&R networks serve as a critical resource to state CCDF child care administrators, the governor, the legislature, local governments, other public officials, the media, and business and community partners by providing data and information on the cost, quality and availability of child care, as well as related socioeconomic trends and impacts.

There are three basic types of state CCR&R networks: managing, coordinating and voluntary. In addition, several smaller states have a single statewide CCR&R that offers elements of both the state network and the local CCR&R role.

Managing State CCR&R Network

A managing state CCR&R network is a funded and staffed nonprofit organization that serves as the CCR&R contracting and fiscal agent for the state CCDF child care administrator and other funders. Managing state CCR&R networks set service delivery standards for subcontracting local or regional CCR&R agencies, distribute funding and evaluate and monitor the performance of local CCR&Rs to ensure compliance with contract requirements.

In addition, managing state CCR&R networks provide training, technical assistance and other support services to local CCR&R staff, as well as data collection, analysis and dissemination on child care supply and demand, cost and quality and CCR&R activities and services. Managing state CCR&R networks also lead their CCR&R system's state and national advocacy efforts.

Managing CCR&R networks often administer other child care related statewide programs and systems such as: centralized child care, consumer education and referral systems, professional development and workforce registries, professional development scholarship programs and online training platforms.

Thirteen states have a managing state CCR&R network.

Coordinating State CCR&R Network

A coordinating state CCR&R network is a nonprofit organization funded and staffed by public and/or private funding to provide training, technical assistance and other support for the state's CCR&R system. A coordinating state CCR&R network is responsible for leading some or all local CCR&R activities but has no contractual authority to ensure consistency. Coordinating state CCR&R networks are responsible for data collection, analysis and dissemination on child care supply and demand, cost and quality and CCR&R activities and services.

Like managing state CCR&R networks, most coordinating state CCR&R networks administer statewide programs and systems, such as: centralized child care consumer education and referral services, professional development and workforce registries, professional

development scholarship programs and online training platforms.



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Seven states identify as having a coordinating CCR&R network.

Voluntary State CCR&R Network

A voluntary state CCR&R network may receive limited state or private funding but does not have full-time paid staff. As a result, directors and staff of the state's local CCR&R agencies volunteer time and resources to increase the quality and consistency of local CCR&R services. Voluntary state CCR&R networks typically elect a representative, such as a network president, to coordinate services through regular meetings of local CCR&Rs.

Nine states identify as having a voluntary CCR&R network.

Single Statewide Agency

Several states have a single statewide CCR&Rs. In these states, a single nonprofit entity is responsible for all service delivery and for partnering in the statewide early childhood systems

building role. Often, community-based direct services are provided through the CCR&R's satellite offices or their outstationed staff across the state.

Ten states have a single statewide CCR&R network.

No State Network

Local, community-based CCR&Rs operating independently:

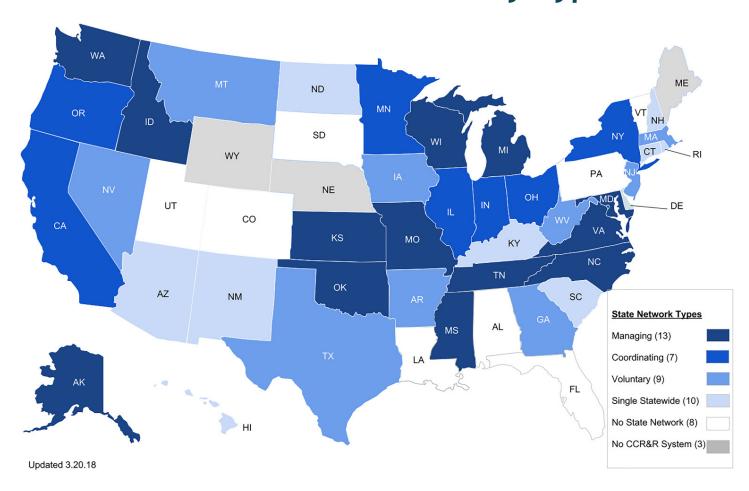
Eight states have more than one local CCR&R but do not have a formal state CCR&R network, as defined above.

No CCR&R System

Inside state government CCR&R services:

Three states perform limited, CCR&R-like services from within state government through state employees rather than community-based public or private nonprofit organizations.

State CCR&R Networks by Type



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