INTRODUCTION

Child Care Connections (CCC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 1978 to provide support to families as women entered the workforce in large numbers. Today, CCC is the Resource and Referral agency for six counties in Montana including Gallatin, Lewis and Clark, Park, Meagher, Jefferson, and Broadwater.

Through our services we work to improve affordability and access to quality child care for Montana's most vulnerable children such as infants, children with special needs, low-income families, minority children, and children who need part-time care.

AGENCY REVIEW

MISSION

It is the Mission of Child Care Connections to advocate for the well-being and quality care of children by supporting early childhood professionals, families, and the communities we serve.

VISION

We support quality child care through our programs that offer:

- Financial assistance to low-income families for child care
- Nutrition and wellness education
- Early childhood professional development, coaching, and technical support
- Family and community outreach
- Referrals for child care and community resources
- Public policy and consumer education

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OUR IMPACT
Throughout the 2019 program year, Child Care Connections proudly met many of our strategic goals. Below are the highlights.

**CHILD SAFETY PROGRAM**

324 BIKE HELMETS AND 10 CAR SEATS WERE GIVEN TO AREA CHILDREN, FREE OF CHARGE.

The Child Safety Program at CCC is funded by local community foundations and donations from supporters. Through this program we offer car seat and vehicle safety education and resources to parents with young children at no cost.

**CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM**

283,289 NUTRITIOUS MEALS WERE SERVED IN CHILD CARE PROGRAMS.

CCC is a USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) sponsor. With a goal to improve nutrition for children in Montana, this program reimbursed participating child care providers $387,391 for serving healthy meals. And, CCC staff provided 136 hours of nutrition education to CACFP providers through on-site coaching.

**FAMILY SERVICES**

510 FAMILIES RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS EACH MONTH FOR CHILD CARE WHILE AT WORK OR SCHOOL.

The Best Beginnings Child Care Scholarship (BBS) subsidizes the cost of child care for low-income families. The BBS allowed 871 local children to benefit from quality child care. An additional 8 children with special needs, and their providers, received added support for resources and equipment to improve the quality of their care.

**PROVIDER SERVICES**

2,455 COACHING HOURS WERE SPENT WITH CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.

Our team of experienced early childhood professionals offered 940 hours of training to area child care providers to ensure they meet minimum health and safety standards. This helped 5,472 local children receive higher quality care from licensed providers. While 16 programs closed throughout the year, CCC helped 21 new programs open and awarded $57,000 in assistance to new and licensed providers who were expanding their capacity.
FINANCIAL POSITION

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency, CCC is committed to complete financial transparency. The graphs below show our financial position for fiscal year 2019.

**ASSETS**

- Fixed 35%
- Checking & Savings 34%
- Current 24%
- Other 7%

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

- Equity 55%
- Long-term 29%
- Other 11%
- Credit cards 3%

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