### **Quality Child Care**

Quality child care can make a big difference in the future of your child and your community. By choosing quality child care now, you can give a child a head start on a strong mind, body and spirit. A good place to begin a serious search for child care in Inyo County is with Child Care Connection.

Parents know best the needs of their children. Child Care Connection assists parents in locating child care providers, but cannot guarantee the quality of child care that will be offered. Parents alone must be responsible for carefully evaluating their child care choices. We urge parents to interview providers, visit the facility and check references before making a decision.

Please see the brochure "Quality Counts" for a list of quality indicators to look for when visiting providers



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# Child Care Resource & Referral



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#### **Mission Statement**

Child Care Connection encourages the growth and development of quality care services in Inyo County by providing child care options, education to parents, and support to families and child care providers.

Child Care Connection is operated by the Inyo County Superintendent of Schools and supported by federal, state and local governments as well as other groups. Services are available to any family in Inyo County on a non-discriminatory basis and children with special needs are welcome.

#### Services

#### Starting a Child Care Business

CCC provides information and advice on starting a child care business, including how to get a license, and how to set fees, hours, and services.

#### **Referrals**

CCC offers referrals to licensed child care throughout Inyo County, both to centers and licensed family child care homes.

#### Resources

Books, CD's, DVD's, children's toys and equipment are available at the Child Care Connection lending library.

#### Parent and Provider Education

CCC provides a variety of educational programs to new and existing providers and centers. Parent development workshops are offered. Play Days for exempt providers provide educational activities and networking opportunities. The Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) provides hands-on training and networking for Family Child Care Home providers monthly.

#### TrustLine

TrustLine offers an important reference service for child care providers and parents. TrustLine is a state registry for exempt and in home child care providers. Non-relative caregivers must pass fingerprint clearance.

## Subsidized Child Care Programs

- Alternative Payment Program
   A subsidized program that assists in paying for child care for families who are working or in training.
   Families must meet the established eligibility criteria.
- <u>CalWORKS</u>
  Available to TANF families needing child care due to participation in CalWORKS program.
- <u>CalWORKS Two & Three</u>
  Available to former TANF
  recipients who are working or in
  training and meet eligibility
  guidelines.

