

What is a Child Care Resource and Referral Agency?

A CCR&R is the go-to source for early care and education. We help to ensure that all young children have the kinds of early learning experiences that promote school and lifelong success. We provide information to parents on locating child care, how to determine what quality child care looks like, child care subsidies, and services for families. We recruit child care providers and provide start-up information and technical assistance in meeting regulatory requirements. We provide the community with education on child care issues and current data needed in planning for community services and support employers in planning, implementing and providing employee child care services.

Dutchess County Supply and Demand									
Town	Slots Available	Vacancies	Requests for care		Town	Slots Available	Vacancies	Requests for care	
			Calls	Online				Calls	Online
Amenia	143	14	1	0	Pine Plains	20	17	0	7
Annandale-on-Hudson	46	0	0	0	Pleasant Valley	98	16	23	15
Poughkeepsie 12603	1,159	254	104	102	Poughkeepsie 12601	1,458	226	125	81
Beacon	589	30	20	19	Poughquag	72	11	14	10
Beekman	0	0	0	0	Red Hook	200	26	11	16
Clinton Corners	0	0	4	3	Rhinebeck	231	28	8	6
Dover Plains	48	4	3	3	Salt Point	24	0	1	0
East Fishkill	0	0	1	3	Staatsburg	24	3	11	19
Fishkill	450	56	14	23	Stanfordville	48	11	2	3
Glenham	24	5	0	0	Stormville	92	44	8	15
Holmes	101	6	1	2	Tivoli	16	2	2	0
Hopewell Junction	894	44	35	33	Verbank	16	6	4	1
Hyde Park	688	63	37	36	Wappingers Falls	1,135	157	47	48
Lagrange	16	10	0	1	Wingdale	300	21	1	0
Lagrangeville	303	46	11	11					
Millbrook	100	5	6	6					
Millerton	29	15	1	0					
Pawling	242	66	0	1					

Highlighted areas, in the chart above and to the left, show where the requests for care are higher than the vacancies available.

Registration

The Child Care Council oversees the registration of Family Day Care (FDC) and School Age Child Care (SACC).

Family Day Care Homes - provide care for three to six children at a time in a residence; may add one or two school-age children. The maximum allowable number of children will depend on the number of infants in care.

School-Age Child Care Programs - provide care for more than six children from kindergarten through age twelve. Care for children is during non-school hours and may also be during school vacations and holidays.

	Dutchess	Putnam
Regulated programs as of 12/31/2023		
Family Day Care	46	12
School Age Child Care	35	7
Group Family Day Care	63	13
Day Care Center	75	34
Inspections Performed (FDC & SACC)	349	86
Complaints investigated (FDC & SACC)	17	3

Putnam County Supply and Demand				
Town	Slots Available	Vacancies	Requests for care	
			Calls	Online
Brewster	1,092	33	8	2
Carmel	376	50	22	18
Cold Spring	165	18	2	1
Garrison	16	0	2	1
Holmes	59	0	0	0
Kent	0	0	1	1
Lake Peekskill	0	0	8	1
Mahopac	951	95	15	11
Patterson	340	91	20	1
Putnam Valley	310	108	2	0

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc.'s free referral service offers assistance in many areas pertaining to numerous aspects of child care, including but not limited to, child care referrals, summer recreation information, nursery schools, pre-k programs and cost and subsidy information.

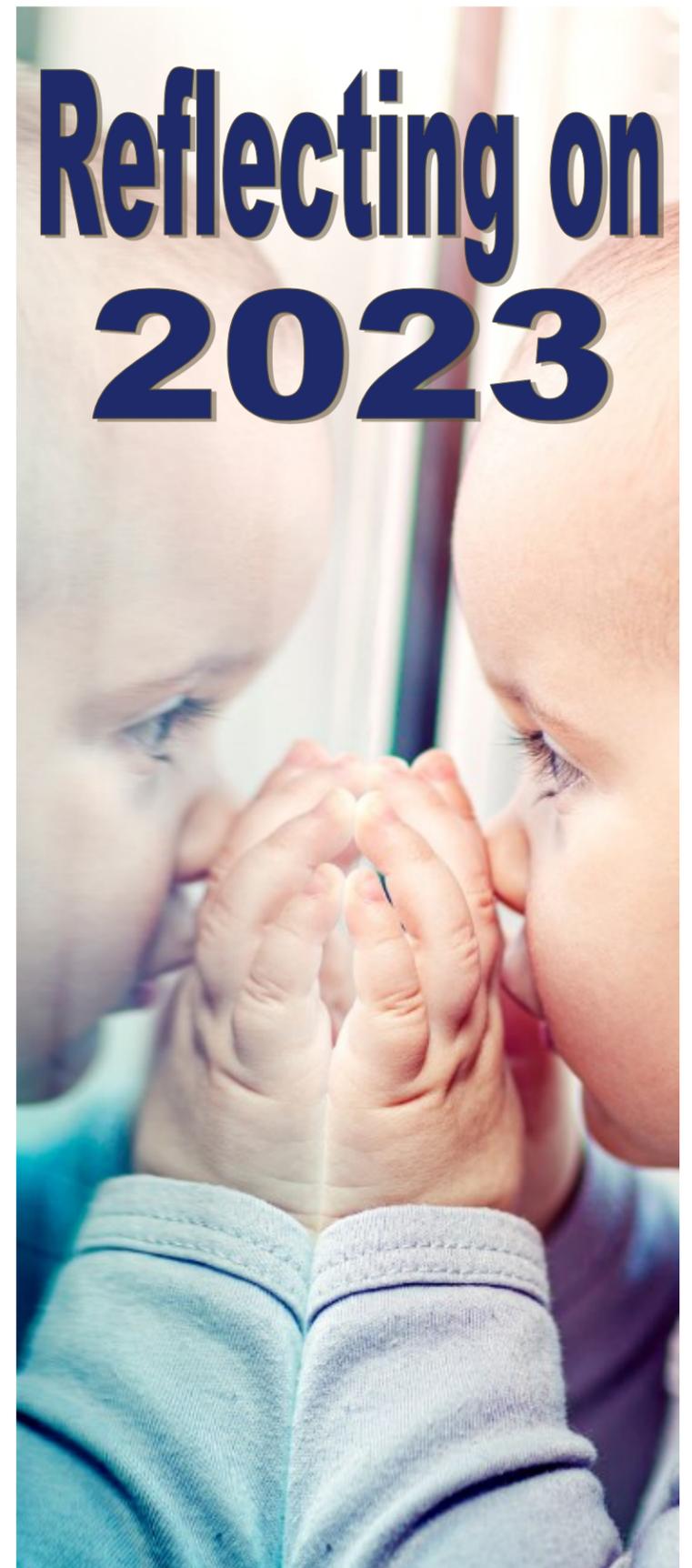
Parents supply information such as hours of care needed, location, school district, etc. to the Referral Specialist. Since referrals are not recommendations, the Referral Specialist encourages the parents to visit the child care programs and meet with the provider(s) before choosing a program and enrolling their child(ren).



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The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. works to promote affordable and quality child care, provide information and support to families and strengthen the early childhood workforce in Dutchess and Putnam Counties.



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The programs provided by this agency are partially funded by moneys received from the County of Dutchess.

Health Care Consultant

The Medication Administration Training (MAT) course, approved by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), is a skill-based training that teaches child care providers best practice techniques for giving medication and helps providers understand OCFS regulations about giving medications. The training provides an overview of medication effects and ways to give both over-the-counter and prescription medication. It covers the handling, storage and safe disposal of medication; permission and instruction requirements; preparation and administration techniques; asthma, emergency care and special situations. The class is eight (8) hours of training and includes a video training component as well as hands-on-demonstrations. The chart below shows the number of MAT approved providers. (*NYS regulations now require Day Care Centers that care for infants and toddlers to have a Health Care Consultant of record).

	Dutchess	Putnam
Family Day Care	4	1
Group Family Day Care	4	3
Day Care Center	24	15
School Age Child Care	2	5
Day Care Center Non-MAT*	12	3

Putnam Strategies

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam assesses the needs of qualifying programs and with the child care providers identifies resources to improve the program. The Child Care Council purchases the resources and provides technical assistance to ensure the quality improvement.

Number of Providers	20
Total Amount Spent	\$11,960.00

Child Care Grants

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam assisted child care programs with applying for and managing grants provided by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. The Workforce Retention Grant assisted 225 child care providers in Dutchess and Putnam Counties to support their workforce and assisted with their recruitment needs.

	Dutchess	Putnam
Family Day Care	38	5
Group Family Day Care	52	11
Day Care Center	60	24
School Age Child Care	28	7
Total Amount Provided	178	47

Professional Development

Registered/licensed child care providers are required to complete thirty (30) hours of training every two years. The thirty (30) hours of training must address the following topics: Principles of childhood development, focusing on the developmental age groups for which they provide care; nutrition and health needs of children; child day care program development; safety and security procedures; business record maintenance and management; child abuse and maltreatment identification and prevention; statutes and regulations pertaining to child day care; statutes and regulations pertaining to child abuse and maltreatment; the education and information on the identification, diagnosis, and prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). The Child Care Council of Dutchess & Putnam, Inc. provides training in these areas at our office or at the program location.

	Dutchess	Putnam
At Program Location	10	3
Number of Attendees	433	80
At the Child Care Council	60	0
Number of Attendees	811	0

Family Day Care Network

The Early Childhood Specialist facilitates training for family and group family day care providers. Participating providers receive a grant or resources for each meeting attended in order to improve the quality of their programs.

	Dutchess	Putnam
Number of Meetings	4	8
Number of Members	17	15
Total Amount of Grants	\$1365.25	\$3632.31

Department of Social Services

In both Dutchess and Putnam Counties, a parent may qualify for child care assistance to help pay for child care. The goal of the Child Care Assistance Program is to help Temporary Assistance and low-income families pay for child care in order to help them become self-sufficient. In Dutchess County, the Department of Community and Family Services and in Putnam County, the Department of Social Services handle the child care assistance. In Putnam, the Child Care Council determines eligibility for child care assistance. In 2023 both counties' eligibility levels to qualify for assistance increased to 85% of the NYS median income. As a result, a family of three earning up to \$83,370 qualifies to receive child care assistance.

Putnam	Cases	Children
Child Care Assistance Program: Low Income	48	81
Child Care Assistance Program: Temporary Assistance	11	14
Child Abuse Prevention Cases	15	33

Child and Adult Care Food Program

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides reimbursement for nutritious meals and snacks served to children while in child care. These meals must meet the nutritional standards set by the United States Department of Agriculture. Through CACFP, nationally more than 4.5 million children receive nutritious meals and snacks each day as part of the care they receive.

In Dutchess and Putnam Counties:

307,717 total meals and snacks served

Average number of providers per month: 51
Average number of children per month: 541

Infant/Toddler Services

The Infant/Toddler Specialist assists providers in maintaining quality environments, learning materials for infants and toddlers, early childhood development, and teacher and administrative standards in child care centers. The Infant/Toddler Mental Health Consultant works in partnership with providers to strengthen children's social emotional development while addressing challenging behaviors early on before intervention is needed. In 2023, over 200 children were helped by these services.

	Dutchess	Putnam
Site Visits	66	35

Legally Exempt

A Legally Exempt provider is an unlicensed, informal child care provider who cares for up to 2 unrelated children and receives payment from the Department of Social Services. Parents must be eligible to receive subsidy services and the provider must meet certain criteria. The Child Care Council performs inspections of Legally Exempt providers.

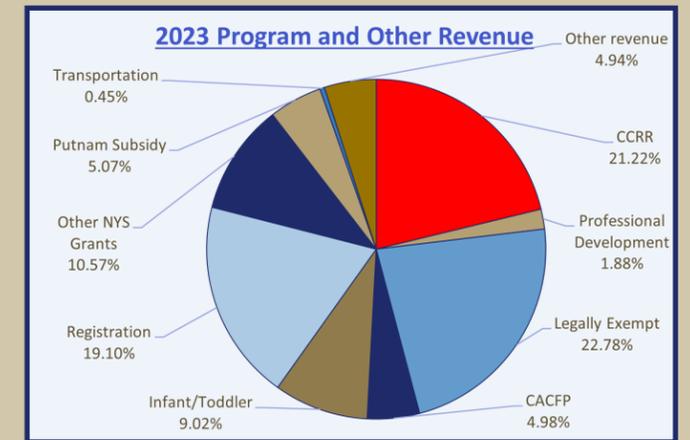
	Dutchess	Putnam
Number of Enrolled Providers	111	5
Number of Children Served	210	12
Inspections Performed	28	3

Child Care Scholarships

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam provides scholarships to qualifying families to help pay for child care through a grant from the Dyson Foundation.

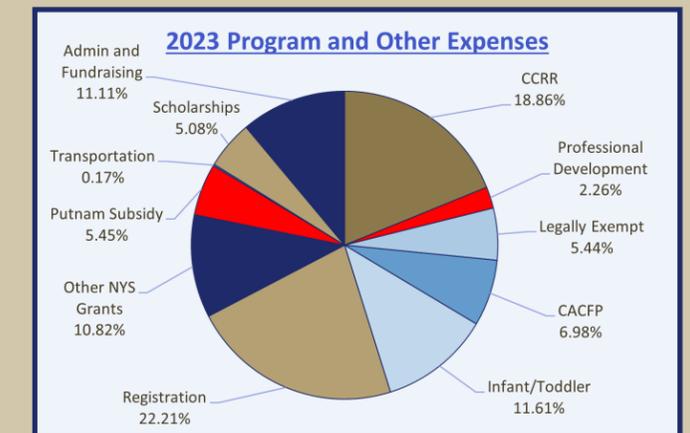
	Dutchess
Number of Families	11
Number of Children	11
Total Scholarship Amount	\$64,086.75

Financials



2023 Total Income: \$1,690,644.39

CCRR	358,774.05
Professional Development	31,777.76
Legally Exempt	385,050.00
CACFP	84,172.00
Infant/Toddler	152,480.79
Registration	322,891.23
Other NYS Grants	178,646.07
Putnam Subsidy	85,727.00
Transportation	7,560.00
Other revenue	83,565.49



2023 Total Expenses: \$ 1,380,484.12

CCRR	260,425.80
Professional Development	31,223.69
Legally Exempt	75,131.86
CACFP	96,371.82
Infant/Toddler	160,269.64
Registration	306,558.48
Other NYS Grants	149,306.52
Putnam Subsidy	75,255.02
Transportation	2,336.45
Scholarships	70,190.92
Admin and Fundraising	153,413.92

At the time of printing, 2023 audit was not yet completed.