

Carelink Child Care Resource Development Center

While the Carelink Child Care Resource Development Center does not provide “direct service” to families, it does provide a range of absolutely essential support to individual families, and the wider York County Community. In addition to these families, various offices within the Carelink program support businesses, child care providers and communities throughout York County.

- Carelink Voucher Program, which provides financial assistance to families in need of child care who can demonstrate eligibility (documenting need for child care and financial need).
- Carelink Child Care Referral Service, which maintains a data base of all available licensed child care in York County, and provides free referrals to any family looking for child care options. The number of child care referrals has increased dramatically with the availability of accessing referral information via the Carelink Web Site.
- Carelink Child Care Training Program, which provides a range of training and professional development opportunities for child care providers throughout York County.
- Child Care Resource Development, which works with local communities to both understand and respond to child and family needs. This work extends from recruiting new child care providers in areas of the county where the availability is limited to collecting and analyzing data around family need, to working with local employers and town governments to develop strategies for meeting the needs of their employees and residents.



**In 2003, the Carelink Program provided:
Voucher (Child Care Subsidy) to 903 Families
Child Care Referral to 6,775 callers
Comprehensive Training to over 148 York County Child Care Providers
2,454 technical assistance phone calls from Child Care Providers**