

MISSOURI CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL NETWORK • 2007 Annual Report



Dear MOCCRRN,
Your state-wide agencies helped my family and the families of **29,817** other children find child care in Missouri in 2007. Now my family doesn't worry about who looks after me while they are at work.



Dear MOCCRRN,
My center is one of **180** child care programs that want to become one of the very best in our state. Thanks for sending someone to help the director and the teachers provide a high quality program. They all say accreditation is hard work, but I know we'll make it.



Dear MOCCRRN,
Thanks for all you did to help train my teacher this year. She and **4,428** other child care providers went to workshops on child care related topics, such as developmentally appropriate practices, health and safety issues, and preventing child abuse and neglect. Now, those teachers do fun things with us every day.



Dear MOCCRRN,
My teacher has a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood@MISSOURI Scholarship. She and **588** other child care providers are going to college. She says you gave her a scholarship to pay for her education. Thank you, MOCCRRN, for helping my teacher learn how to take better care of my friends and me!



Dear MOCCRRN,
My Mom says I have a special need, but I go to child care every day. My child care provider and **2,269** other providers in Missouri received training about how to meet my needs and the needs of other children around the state who are special too. They learned how to make my play space accessible, how to recognize just what helps me learn, and how to maintain a safe environment for everyone. They took regular toys and adapted them so they work just for me.

The mission of the Missouri Child Care Resource and Referral Network is to provide coordinated, statewide child care resource and referral services that promote a high quality child care system.

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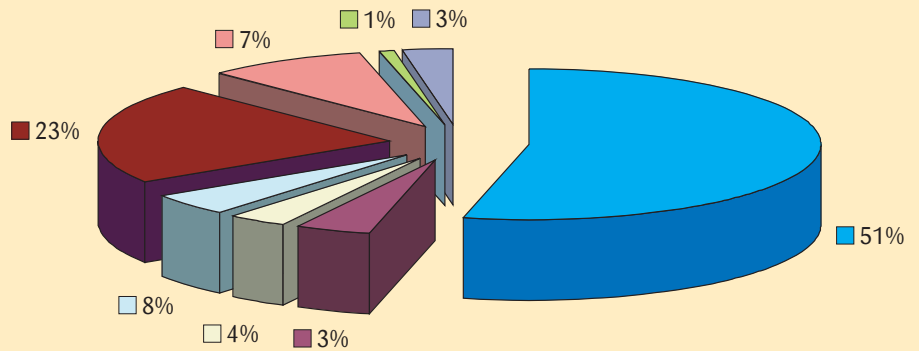
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MOCCRRN Expenses



Funders FY 2007

- Missouri Departments of:
 - Elementary and Secondary Education
 - Health and Senior Services
 - Social Services
- ARCHS
- Children's Trust Fund
- Healthcare USA

Core Services

MOCCRRN works closely with each local CCR&R to ensure a high quality of service delivery and accountability.

- In fiscal year 2007, we helped the **families** of 29,818 children find child care and provided them with consumer education materials.
- We provided technical assistance to 27,342 **child care providers**, helping them start new programs and improve existing ones.
- We talked to 308 **employers** by phone or at their worksite to discuss child care benefits for their employees.
- We responded to 4,780 members of the **greater community** (funders, legislators and others) who asked us for help and information tracking supply, demand, cost, quality and other critical issues.
- We helped 1,136 **children with special needs** find appropriate child care and we helped 2,270 providers learn how to include children with special needs into their programs.

Special Projects

The Missouri Child Care Resource and Referral Network administers a number of special projects for a variety of agencies and organizations. These projects are created and funded by various sources including the State of Missouri, other governmental bodies, and other organizations or funders. In 2007, MOCCRRN and the local CCR&Rs administered the special projects described below.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® MISSOURI Scholarship

T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI is a scholarship and compensation opportunity for licensed providers in child care centers and group or family child care homes. T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI links education, compensation and retention to improve the quality of early care and education programs for young children. Since 2000, T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI has worked with 21 colleges and universities, funded more than 800 scholarship recipients for more than 8,000 college credit hours, issued over 500 compensation bonuses and has directly influenced the lives of more than 8,000 children. Providers in the T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI scholarship program have a retention rate in their early care facility of 88% annually. Since 2004, the T.E.A.C.H. MISSOURI Scholarship has secured sustained funding from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide scholarships across the state to teachers in the Missouri Preschool Project and to preschool teachers in general. The scholarship has also worked with the Missouri Department of Social Services in providing scholarships to teachers in child care facilities working towards accreditation and serving families receiving state subsidy.

Accreditation

In 2007, the contract to provide accreditation facilitation service in the 6 regions of the state was put out to bid by the Department of Social Services. MOCCRRN was awarded the contract for all six regions. The contract for four of those regions had previously been held by MOCCRRN since 2002. The other two regions were contracted with other agencies that were helpful in smoothly transitioning services to MOCCRRN.

One hundred eighty child care programs throughout the state are working with the local CCR&R



- Pass Through to Local CCR&R's 51%
- Network Office 3%
- Network Coordination of Training, Dependent Care, Core, and Inclusion 4%
- QTA, Accreditation Project, and Strengthening Families Initiative 8%
- T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships and Operations 23%
- First Steps 7%
- Fees to Trainers (CCOT) 1%
- Special Projects (Healthy Child Care, Health and Safety Calendar, Business Development Center, Developing Your Family Child Care Business, and Technology 3%

accreditation specialists to achieve accreditation. These programs consist of family child care homes, group homes, and child care centers. They are working hard to meet the quality standards of either the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC), the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), or Missouri Accreditation (MOA). Since 2000, MOCCRRN has assisted 78 child care programs achieve accreditation.

Strengthening Families Initiative

MOCCRRN staff have served on a state wide steering committee to implement the Strengthening Families Framework since 2006. This framework was developed by the Center for the Study of Social Policy as a strengthening based model to prevent child abuse and neglect. More information about the Strengthening Families Framework and associated protective factors can be found at www.cssp.org.

In 2007, The Children's Trust fund awarded MOCCRRN an 18 month contract to provide technical assistance to 8 child care programs throughout the state who were piloting the Strengthening Families framework. This technical assistance involves assisting the programs in completing a self assessment, developing an improvement plan based on the assessment, and implementing this plan.

Because of the great interest that the Strengthening Families Framework has generated in the early childhood community, MOCCRRN discussed changing the focus of some quality improvement dollars with the Department of Social Services. Beginning with the 2007-2008 contract, this funding will be used to do training on the framework and protective factors and to provide technical assistance similar to that which is done with the state pilot sites.

Healthy Child Care Missouri

MOCCRRN supports Healthy Child Care Missouri through participation in the Missouri Training Institute (MTI) for Child Care Health Consultants. MOCCRRN staff provided training on adult learning, child care in Missouri, cultural considerations, communication skills, and inclusion. Nineteen participants attended Part I of MTI in November and fourteen participants completed Part III of MTI in January.

Bringing Training to Child Care Providers

Participants

CCOT: Developmentally Appropriate Practices I: Child Development	302
CCOT: Health, Environmental Safety, and Sanitation	254
CCOT: Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect	210
Family Child Care Orientation Training	200
Infant/Toddler Child Care Orientation Training	238
PACE: Developmentally Appropriate Practices II: From Theory to Practice	446
PACE: Safety Issues for Group Care	394
PACE: Preventing Child Abuse by Strengthening Families	284
School-Age Care Orientation Training	421
Child Care Plus Module I	349
Child Care Plus Module II	349
Child Care Plus Module III	321
Child Care Plus Module IV	321
Child Care Plus Module V	89
Child Care Plus Module VI	89
Child Care Plus Module VII	81
Child Care Plus Module VIII	81
Total participants trained through contract-specific training:	4,429

Training Coordination

In fiscal year 2007, MOCCRRN created a brochure that included all the trainings that are available to providers. The brochure included a checklist that the providers could use to check all of the trainings they attended. Also, during fiscal year 2007, funding for Developing Your Family Child Care Business (DYFCCB) started. In addition, Training Coordinators maintained web-based regional Training Calendars outlining area-wide opportunities available through all local trainers and convened 33 local Regional Trainer's Meetings with more than 457 participants.

Inclusion

MOCCRRN seeks to promote inclusive child care services by supporting Inclusion Specialists at each local CCR&R with funding provided by the Department of Health and Senior Services. In FY 2007, Inclusion Specialists completed more than 577 on-site technical assistance visits and trained more than 1,680 child care providers in eight modules of Child Care Plus, a curriculum that teaches providers how to meet the needs of all children. In addition, local CCR&Rs provided more than 1,100 child care referrals for families with children with special needs and trained more than 750 providers by providing more than 150 Inclusion trainings.

News in 2007

MOCCRRN has been publishing an annual Health and Safety calendar since 2001. The calendars contain information related to keeping young children healthy. The calendars also reflect the wealth of training and professional development opportunities that are available to providers. Each year 10,000 copies are printed and distributed free of charge to child care providers, pediatricians, local health departments, Parents As Teachers educators, licensing specialists, trainers, Family Support Division offices, and a variety of other places.

In 2007 the Health and Safety calendar won the National Health Information Award in the calendar division. The 2008 calendar has just been published.

MOCCRRN has been involved in providing services for First Steps, Missouri's early intervention program for children birth - three for the past six years. Most recently, MOCCRRN contracted with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide consulting services to the local SPOE's (System Point of Entry). In 2007 the Department decided to provide those services in-house, but they offered employment to all the MOCCRRN First Steps staff. MOCCRRN was sad to say good-bye to Pam Thomas, Charla Myers, Michele Schall, and Stacey Ismail, but very pleased that these talented people could continue to do the work that they enjoy so much.

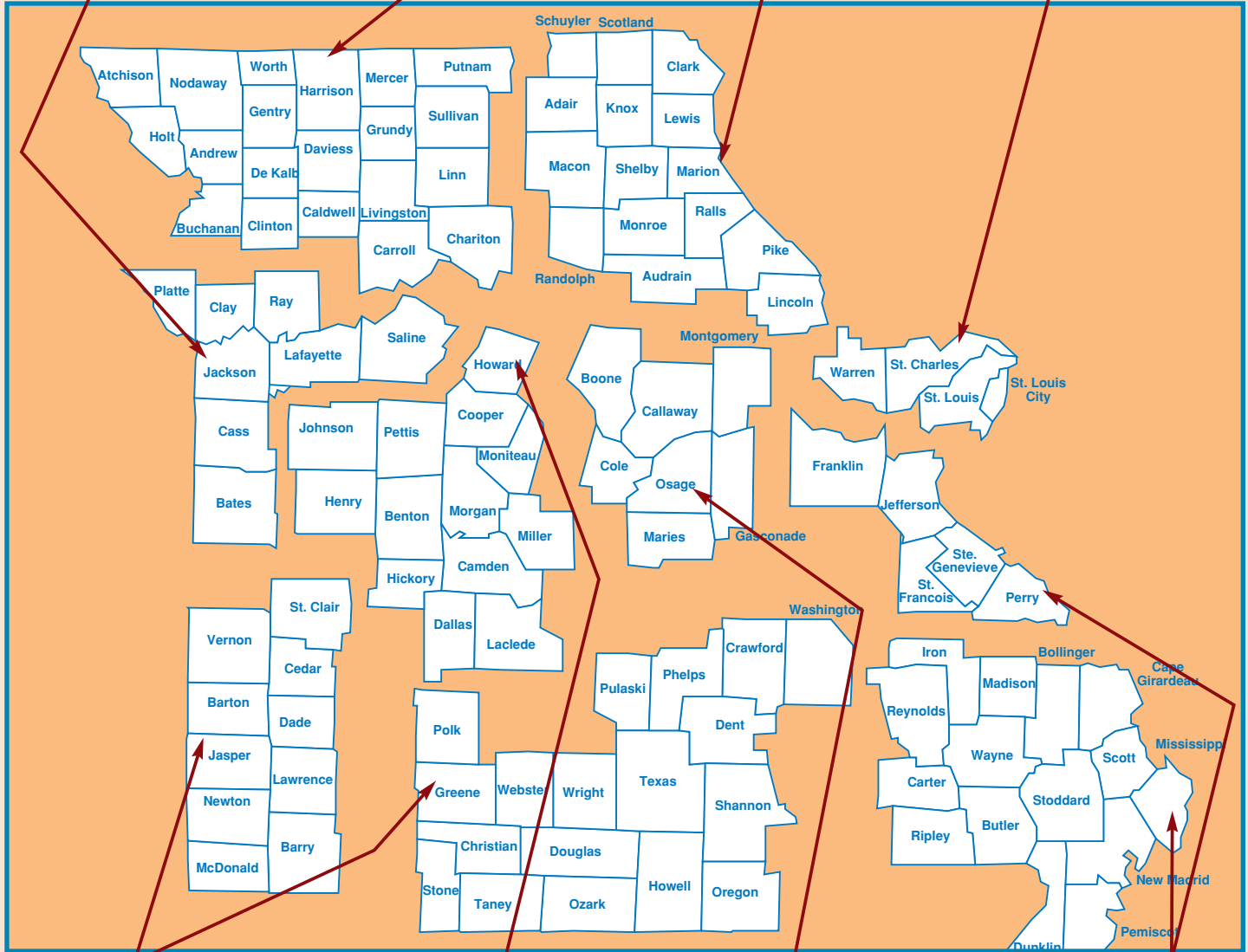
The MOCCRRN Board began searching for a new Executive Director in 2007 when Corinne Patton announced her intention to retire in early 2008. The Search Committee spent countless hours reviewing resumes and interviewing applicants. In late October, the Board was pleased to announce that Dr. L. Carol Scott will become MOCCRRN's next Executive Director in January 2008. Dr. Scott brings a wealth of experience with early childhood education, and the child care resource and referral system, to her new position. The Board of Directors is enthusiastic about her leadership of MOCCRRN in this next phase of its work on behalf of children, families, and early childhood providers in the state of Missouri.



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