



Introducing the National Child Care Website (Childcare.gov)

What is childcare.gov?

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 calls for the development of a National Child Care Website (childcare.gov) to disseminate family-friendly, publicly available child care consumer education information for parents, providers, and the general public to help families access safe, high-quality child care services in their community. Childcare.gov will be devoted to parents and provide access to a location-based search for child care providers that meets parents' needs and supports the efforts of States and Territories to connect families to quality child care. Childcare.gov will rely on data that are provided by state and territory child care agencies, CCDBG grantees, and partner agencies. Childcare.gov will rely on publicly available data provided by state and territory child care agencies and partner agencies.

What do States and Territories need to know about the development of childcare.gov?

Childcare.gov will include tools to help States and Territories build and expand their own consumer education websites at all levels of planning and readiness resulting in cost saving to States while improving services to families. Decisions made by States and Territories now will determine costs and efficiencies for their websites for many years to come.

Resources planned by the childcare.gov project will help States, Territories and Tribes:

1. Design their consumer education websites;
2. Drive traffic to their sites; and
3. Align and integrate data elements needed in state, territory, and tribal websites and the childcare.gov site.

What is coming next?

The Office of Child Care (OCC) invites you to a webinar for Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Administrators, Data and Web Designers, Technical Assistance Centers, Federal Staff, and Stakeholders.

- **Join us on August 25th at 3 to 4:30 pm ET. [Register now!](#)**

State and Territory leaders can expect to see and hear more about Childcare.gov in the coming weeks. Visit the [OCC National Child Care Website](#) page and see what is planned or contact us at askchildcaregov@icfi.com.

