



NO CHILD CARE OPENINGS?

YOUR LOCAL CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL (CCR&R) AGENCY IS HERE TO HELP!

You called everyone on the list, and **no child care program has an opening** that can meet your needs. Here are some suggestions for **what to do next**:

- **Expand Your Search Area:** Call your CCR&R again and ask them to expand the search area and/or the hours/days care is needed.
- **Visit Programs:** Even if they do not have current openings. Then, you will know which programs you would consider if openings became available.
- **Get Added to Waiting Lists:** If you find a program that you would like to use, ask to be placed on a waiting list, an opening may come up sooner than expected.
- **Make a Short-Term Plan for Care:** Contact your local CCR&R in a few months to see if any providers in your search area have had slots open up.
- **Explore Unregulated In-Home Child Care:** Explore the option of unregulated in-home child care (nanny, babysitter, au-pair).
- **Seek Suggestions from Friends:** Talk to friends, neighbors, and people at your church, library or community center who also struggled to find child care to see how they solved the problem.
- **Talk With Your Employer:** Discuss your child care needs with your employer and co-workers. If many of you are having difficulties, your employer needs to know.
- **Encourage Those Caring for Your Children to Get Certified/Licensed:** If someone is willing to watch your child(ren), but not currently a regulated child care provider, have them contact their local CCR&R to learn about getting certified or licensed.