

Child Care Resource

Annual Report
FISCAL YEAR
2011/2012

Leading our community in making early care & education work!

Help! We Need Child Care –Alison’s Story, Part 1

Alison and Chris began their child care search when Alison was well into her first pregnancy. As a UVM employee, Alison’s first choice was UVM’s child care center. She quickly found that there were no spots available. Upon the recommendations of friends, she tried a couple of Burlington centers – again no spots. Searching on-line was just as frustrating. Finally, she found Child Care Resource on the UVM website. Just before Ezra was born, Alison and Chris found family child care provider Donna Leicht in Burlington. Initially, they weren’t interested in family child care – they thought that centers were better for kids – but they felt desperate and family child care was their only option. So they decided to try it.

“Having a new baby that is super fragile and having to leave them with someone else was heartbreaking. It was more difficult to work and be a Mom than I thought – all of a sudden the new baby had become the most important thing in the world. Donna’s is close to where I work so I could be with the baby to nurse once per day on my lunch hour. That made me feel better.”

Alison and Chris believe in giving children room to develop and discover who they are. They want their children to engage in a lot of creative play, be physically active and mentally engaged, and to discover the world around them. They want them to build social confidence by interacting with other children and adults. They found all of this at Donna’s.

“It’s amazing how many things they learn and what they come home with. Lately they’ve been interested in birds – looking for birds, observing birds, listening for birds. At Donna’s, they are learning how to observe, how to be good scientists.”

When Aria was born just 18 months later, Donna did not have a spot for her. It would be close to a year before a spot would be available. So, Alison enrolled Aria at a nearby



family child care home. When Aria was only 6 months old, the provider told Alison that she could no longer care for Aria and Alison had two weeks to make new arrangements. After hearing this news, Alison desperately needed to talk to someone about her feelings and her child care needs so she called CCR again. With CCR’s help, she found a newly
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opened center willing to do a short-term contract. The family now had the bridge in care needed until Aria could start at Donna's.

Finding care for two children under the age of two is one of the hardest child care challenges. Many of the families we help have similar challenges and fewer supports and resources than Alison and Chris did. Alison appreciates that Donna is able to provide child care to children from a wide variety of backgrounds. Child Care Resource helps some of these families receive state assistance to pay the tuition that Donna charges. For families who are homeless and in transition, putting the two together – finding child care and getting help to pay for it – is essential for re-establishing safety and security. Recently, Alicia Pacelli from COTS sent us a note of thanks:

“Child Care Resource workers: THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU for dealing with my constant e-mails and phone calls, for answering all of my questions, and for supporting my clients. You helped me place children into daycares,

into pre-schools, into after school programs, and into summer camps, and that made a huge difference in the lives of the parents and their children. I want this community to know what a valuable asset Child Care Resource is! Your organization has been an incredible advocate for Vermont families, and especially low-income families.” – Alicia Pacelli – COTS Family Specialist.

Alison Maynard recently joined the CCR Board of Directors. She and her husband Chris reside in Burlington with their two children Ezra, age 3 and Aria, age 20 months.



*Left to right: Donna, Aria, Alison and Ezra
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Child Care Referrals

Families Helped by Phone:

875

Children of those families:

1072

Families using CCR on-line search:

1004

Child Care Financial Assistance

Families receiving assistance monthly:

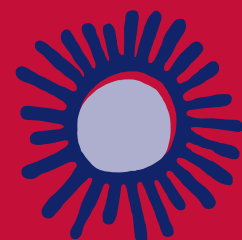
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Children receiving assistance monthly:

1592

Applications processed in the year:

2700+



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Our President's Message

One of the highlights this year for Child Care Resource was receiving a grant from IBM to support early learning related to science, technology, engineering, and math. As a teacher of young children, I observe them being scientists every day. Early learning is all about scientific process. It's about discovering the world and experimenting to uncover new meaning. It's about brainstorming ideas and testing hypotheses. It's about seeing results and understanding one more nuance about how the world works. It's about applying that new learning to the next experiment and building understanding that grows from day to day.

As teachers, we become children's partners in scientific exploration. We support them in developing questions, setting up experiments, organizing findings, extending research, and evaluating discoveries. We help them develop the confidence to solve problems and the resilience to persist when faced with difficult challenges. We help them learn how to be good partners because challenges are best faced together.

As I see it, making early childhood education work is also about science and partnership. Alison's search for child care was an experiment that involved much testing and learning along the way. Donna's development of her skills as an early educator is in partnership with Child Care Resource. As an organization, Child Care Resource is about science too. We are committed to responding to our community's needs with innovation, creativity, and resourcefulness. We are our community's partner in making early care and education work.

~ Michele Campbell, Board President

Financial Statement	FY 2011-2012	(Pre-Audit)
REVENUE		
Federal & State		\$1,046,450
CCFP Provider Reimbursement		502,367
Child Care Center Tuition		331,677
Training & Referral Fees		76,664
Corporate, Foundations, & Fundraising		112,414
Investment Income		4,805
Other		20,799
TOTAL REVENUE		\$2,095,176
EXPENSES		
Child Nutrition Program		615,210
Referral & Subsidy		266,580
Training, Resources & Child Care Development		1,124,463
Administration & General		17,200
Fundraising		63,354
TOTAL EXPENSES		2,086,807
NET INCOME		\$ 8,369

Behind the Scenes in Child Care –Alison’s Story, Part 2

As Alison became more familiar with Donna’s program, she noticed that Donna wasn’t alone in caring for children.

“I knew Amy came to Donna’s to deliver toys, and that Donna took classes at night for professional development. I knew that she served nutritious meals and had to do paperwork. I also knew that once a week Beth visited to support Donna. I didn’t put together that it was all coming from the same place - Child Care Resource – until Donna asked me to consider joining the Board.”

Alison was nursing Ezra at Donna’s when she first watched Beth - Child Care Resource’s licensed consulting teacher - working with the children and Donna. Beth visits Donna weekly as part of Child Care Resource’s Family Child Care Prekindergarten Partnership. Finally, Ezra, now age 3, has become officially involved in the program but Alison feels that he has benefited since he was a baby.

“Beth is elevating the quality of care and learning and not just for the few children who are 3, 4, and 5. She helps the children learn by observing and interacting. She helps Donna think about different things she can do to engage the children’s curiosity and support their exploration.”

Alison says she appreciates that Donna provides balanced lunches and good snacks every day and is supported by Child Care Resource’s Child Care Food Program.

“It’s difficult to pack snacks and lunch for a toddler.”

Donna provides good choices including protein, fruit, vegetables, milk and grain. To Alison, it’s important that all kids have access to good

nutrition throughout the day and Child Care Resource helps to make that possible.

Alison also saw the Toy Van come to Donna’s.

“It’s great that Donna has access to different learning materials that she doesn’t need to buy. The toys can come and go so that Donna’s kids and other kids can explore them.”

Alison knows that Donna is committed to her own professional development and takes advantage of the wide variety of professional development opportunities offered through Child Care Resource each year. She is now applying what she has learned through Child Care Resource to pursue her teacher licensure.

“Child Care Resource is touching thousands of people. Employers are benefiting because people can’t go to work if they don’t have quality child care. We need to make sure that there is enough care to support young and growing families and to attract and retain a qualified workforce. The most important thing that I can do as a Board member is spread the word about these services and about why child care is important to children, families, employers, and our community.”

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FY12 Child Care Program Support Services

Child Care Resource Service	Programs Served	Estimated Number of Children Benefiting
TOY VAN	65	1345
PRE-KINDERGARTEN CONSULTATION	9	69
SPECIALIZED CHILD CARE CONSULTATION	75	2792
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM	99	1471
WORKFORCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	223	5335



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