# STATE OPIOID RESPONSE INFORMATION SESSION: CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCIES

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#### BARRIERS TO ACCESSING TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES



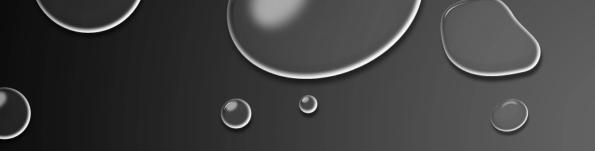
- FINANCIAL ACCESSIBILITY OF SERVICES
  AND THE INSURANCE STATUS OF THE
  CLIENT
- LACK OF TRANSPORTATION
- LACK OF ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE
  CHILDCARE SERVICES

REDUCING BARRIERS GETS INDIVIDUALS INTO TREATMENT AND HELPS PEOPLE IN O RECOVERY MAINTAIN THEIR RECOVERY!!



- SOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SERVICES IS AN INITIATIVE TO REDUCE THE BARRIER THAT CHILD CARE PRESENTS
- EFFECTIVE ON FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, THE BUREAU FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STATE OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM (SOR) AWARDED FUNDING TO THE BUREAU FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO BROADEN THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR CHILDCARE FOR SOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY PARTICIPATING IN A SUPPLEMENTAL COUPON PROGRAM WITH THE CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCIES IN WEST VIRGINIA.





# WV CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL AGENCIES

THE ROLE THEY PLAY IN THE STATE OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM

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#### WHAT IS A CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL AGENCY?

A RESOURCE & REFERRAL AGENCY IS A LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING CHILD CARE SERVICES. IN WV, AT A MINIMUM, THE RESOURCE & REFERRAL AGENCIES:

MANAGE THE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

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- LINK PARENTS WITH CHILD CARE OPTIONS
- PROVIDE CONSUMER INFORMATION
- OFFER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING TO PROVIDERS
- INFORM PARENTS OF OTHER RESOURCES IN THEIR COMMUNITY

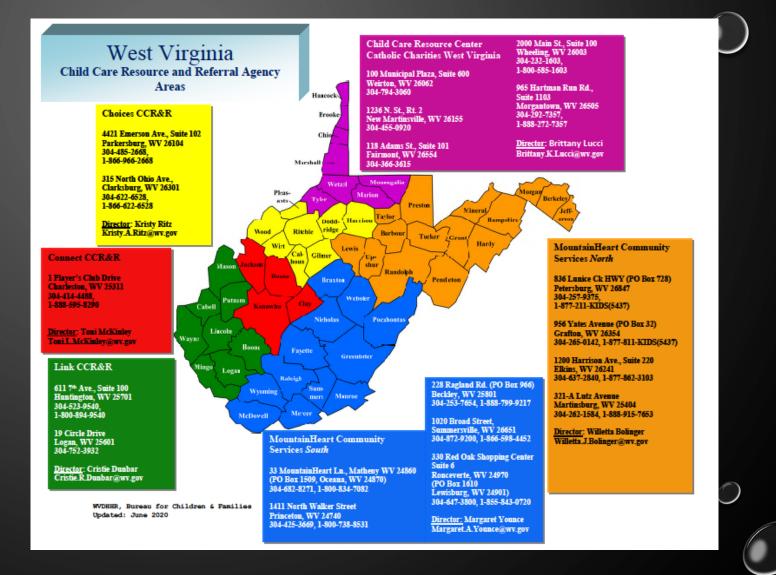
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#### HOW DID THESE CCR&R AGENCIES BEGIN?

- EARLY 90'S, FUNDING FOR CHILD CARE BEGAN TO INCREASE, PARTICULARLY WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE <u>CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACT</u>.
- STATES WERE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO EXPEND PART OF THEIR FEDERAL DOLLARS ON INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE SUPPLY AND QUALITY OF ITS CHILD CARE PROGRAMS.
- ONE OF THE MAIN COMPONENTS OF WEST VIRGINIA'S STATE PLAN WAS TO ESTABLISH CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL SERVICES ACROSS THE STATE.
- THESE CCR&R AGENCIES WERE TO LOCATE RESOURCES FOR CHILD CARE AND REFER PARENTS TO AVAILABLE CHILD CARE OPTIONS.
- AS MORE STATES BEGAN TO CONTRACT FOR CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL SERVICES, THE ARRAY OF SERVICES PROVIDED BEGAN TO MULTIPLY AND CCR&R AGENCIES BEGAN TO PROVIDE SERVICES ABOVE AND BEYOND THAT SIMPLE DEFINITION.

#### 0 • WV HAS SIX CCR&RS THROUGHOUT THE STATE CHILD CARE RESOURCE CENTER **CHOICES CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND** REFERRAL **CONNECT CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND** REFERRAL LINK CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL **MOUNTAINHEART CHILD CARE RESOURCE** AND REFERRAL NORTH

MOUNTAINHEART CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL SOUTH



#### TWO PROGRAMS WITHIN EACH AGENCY

SUBSIDY PROGRAM

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- ASSISTS FAMILIES IN PAYING FOR CHILD CARE
- SHARES RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY THAT MAY BE HELPFUL BASED ON EACH FAMILY'S NEEDS
- WORKS WITH CHILD CARE PROVIDERS THAT
  SERVE THESE FAMILIES

- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
  - A TEAM OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EXPERTS ASSISTS PROVIDERS THROUGH TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
  - OFFERS SUPPORT FOR CHALLENGING
    BEHAVIORS IN THE CLASSROOM
  - ASSISTS PROGRAMS IN INCREASING THEIR
    PROGRAM QUALITY

#### THE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

THE LINK BETWEEN SOR CLIENTS AND THE CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL AGENCY

- CLIENTS WHO APPLY FOR CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE
  THROUGH THE CCR&RS MUST:
  - BE IN A QUALIFYING ACTIVITY
    - 20+ HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT EACH WEEK OR
    - BE IN SCHOOL (COLLEGE, TECHNICAL, GED PROGRAM)
    - BE ON A JOB SEARCH
  - MEET INCOME GUIDELINES\*
  - RESIDE IN WV
  - BE THE LEGAL GUARDIANS OF THE CHILD(REN)
- SOR PROVIDES CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES WHO ARE IN TREATMENT PROGRAMS THAT MAY NOT QUALIFY UNDER REGULAR SUBSIDY GUIDELINES

# HOW THE SOR PROCESS WORKS WITH CCR&RS

- SOR CLIENT INFORMS TREATMENT PROGRAM THAT CHILD CARE IS A BARRIER TO THEIR RECOVERY THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH STAFF.
- A REFERRAL FORM IS PROVIDED TO THE CLIENT TO GET CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE
- CLIENT BRINGS REFERRAL FORM TO THEIR LOCAL CCR&R
- CCR&R CASE MANAGER GOES THROUGH APPLICATION PROCESS WITH THE CLIENT
- CLIENT IS GIVEN A CHILD CARE CERTIFICATE AND "MONTHLY COUPON" TO GIVE TO THEIR CHILD CARE PROVIDER
- CHILD CARE PROVIDER SUBMITS COUPON TO THE EARLY CARE & EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR PAYMENT

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# CCR&R/SOR PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

- 1. VERIFICATION OF CCDF (CHILDCARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND) ELIGIBILITY
- 2. VERIFICATION OF IDENTITY DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE ISSUED ID
- 3. VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE OR UTILITY BILL
- 4. VERIFICATION OF QUALIFYING ACTIVITY USE THE PROGRAM REFERRAL FORM
- 5. VERIFICATION OF INCOME
- VERIFICATION OF CHILD'S CITIZENSHIP BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND/OR CITIZENSHIP DOCUMENTS THIS IS A CCDF REQUIREMENT

A QUARTERLY REVIEW PROCESS IS ALSO REQUIRED TO DETERMINE CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY. IF FOUND ELIGIBLE UPON REVIEW, THE PARTICIPANT WILL SUPPLY THE CHILDCARE REFERRAL AGENCY ANOTHER SIGNED REFERRAL FORM THAT WILL BE VALID FOR THREE ADDITIONAL MONTHS.

#### FLOW CHART FOR ELIGIBILITY





• UPON INTAKE, PLEASE ASK

INDIVIDUALS/PATIENTS/CLIENTS IF THEY HAVE A CHILD IN THEIR CARE AND IF THEY HAVE PROPER CHILD CARE. IF A BARRIER, PLEASE REFER TO CCR AND R IN YOUR AREA.

 SOR HAS NO ACTIVITY REQUIREMENT. AFTER COMPLETING THE ELIGIBILITY PROCESS NOTED ABOVE, IF FOUND INELIGIBLE FOR ONE OF THE BLOCK GRANT REQUIREMENTS, THEN THE SOR COUPON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND THEN PAYMENT WILL BE UTILIZED.



# • HOW LONG DOES THE APPLICATION PROCESS TAKE?

#### DAY OF APPLICATION

- CLIENT CAN BEGIN USING CARE THE DAY OF APPLICATION AKA CASE IS OPENED
- CHILD CARE CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED TO SHOW TO CHILD CARE PROVIDER
- SOR CLIENTS WOULD PROVIDE A MONTHLY COUPON TO THE PROVIDER TO SUBMIT TO THE STATE FOR PAYMENT
  - PROVIDERS DO NOT KNOW WHAT
    THE COUPON MEANS FOR
    CONFIDENTIALITY PURPOSES.

#### 13-DAYS TO SUPPLY VERIFICATIONS

- PROOF OF IDENTITY
- PROOF OF RESIDENCY
- CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- PROOF OF QUALIFYING ACTIVITY
- VERIFICATION OF INCOME
- OTHER (I.E. CUSTODY ARRANGEMENTS, DIVORCE, CHILD SUPPORT)

#### AFTER 13 DAYS...

IF ALL VERIFICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED, CASE REMAINS OPEN AND CLIENT CONTINUES TO USE CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

IF CLIENT FAILS TO SUBMIT INFORMATION, CASE CLOSES AND ANY CHILD CARE USED DURING THAT TIME IS CLIENT'S RESPONSIBILITY. MUST REAPPLY FOR SERVICES.

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# WHY CHILD CARE IS IMPORTANT

- CHILD CARE KEEPS AMERICA
  WORKING
- HIGH QUALITY CHILD CARE BUILDS A
  FOUNDATION OF LEARNING THAT
  CARRIES A CHILD THROUGH THEIR LIFE
- THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF A CHILD'S LIFE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT YEARS AS THEY PREDICT HOW SUCCESSFUL A CHILD WILL BE AS AN ADULT
- HIGH QUALITY CHILD CARE ALLOWS CHILDREN TO REACH THEIR FULL
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   POTENTIAL



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