Importance of Quality Early Care, Learning & Afterschool Programs

• Essential part of today’s economy
• Investment in quality child care equals:
  – Kindergarten readiness
  – Increased 3rd grade reading proficiency
  – Higher graduation rates
  – Reduced need for intervention
  – Less involvement with the juvenile justice system
  – Develops a strong workforce
Profile

• Incorporated in 1989

• Proven public-private partnership

• Governed by a board of directors

• CCR&Rs serve as regional hubs providing professional development and technical assistance
Profile

• Members
  – 4C for Children (SDA 6 & 8)
  – Action for Children (SDA 9)
  – Child Care Connection (SDA 4)
  – Child Care Resource Center (SDA 2)
  – COAD Child Care Resource Network (SDA 5, 10, 11)
  – Starting Point (SDA 3)
  – YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral of Northwest Ohio (SDA 1, 7, 12)
Core Services

- Services for Professionals
- Services for Programs
- Services for Families
Services for Professionals

• Credentialing
  – Administrator, Early Childhood Mental Health & Help Me Grow

• Ohio Professional Registry
  – Professional Profiles
  – Instructor Approvals
  – Training Approvals

• Workforce Development
  – T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Ohio
Services for Program

• OCCRRA and our members provide training, tools, technical assistance and staff specialists for:
  – Infant/Toddler Initiatives
  – Preschool Initiatives
  – Afterschool Initiatives
  – Step Up to Quality
  – Ohio Healthy Programs
Services for Families

• OCCRRRA connects families with their CCR&Rs for:
  – Child care locations, licensing standards, costs and policies
  – Step Up to Quality programs rated among Ohio’s best
  – Tips on parenting and child development
  – Help determining quality care
  – Information on financial assistance to pay for care
Questions?

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