

Child Care Resource & Referral Network Provider Services Team

Quality Specialists ○ Kathy ○ Gena

Kathy and Gena assist child care programs, through ExceleRate™ Illinois, in providing quality care for children and their families. ExceleRate is a voluntary process offering training workshops, recognition, and marketing for child care centers and family child care businesses. Kathy and Gena each have 20 years of experience in the field of early childhood. Email Kathy at kathy@crrn.com or Gena at gena@crrn.com.

Mental Health Consultant ○ Cris

Cris is a FREE support program that helps childcare providers recognize, understand and respond to the social and emotional needs of children, birth through age five, in their care. Cris is a licensed clinical social worker with a background in mental health and child development. She can consult by phone, in person or by email at mcstanek@chestnut.org.

Infant/Toddler Child Care Specialist ○ Barbara

Barbara is available to work with center and child care home providers to increase their knowledge of infants, toddlers and twos in all developmental domains. She will do on-site consultations as well as by phone or email. Her goal is to continue to increase the quality of infant/toddler care in our area and she feels knowledge is the key. Email Barbara at Barbara@crrn.com.

Child Care Nurse Consultant ○ Heidi

Heidi is a wonderful resource to ensure child care environments are safe and healthy for all children. The Nurse Consultant can provide consultations, trainings, presentations, in-services and educational materials on a variety of health and safety topics. Heidi is a Registered Public Health Nurse with the McLean County Health Department, she has a background in pediatrics. Email Nurse Heidi at Heidi@crrn.com.

Training Coordinator and Quality Counts Van Consultant ○ Linda

Training Coordinator Linda Smith is in charge of coordinating all training provided through the CRRN. Please call Linda for any questions you may have about trainings. Linda also is in charge of the Quality Counts Van. The Quality Counts Van is stocked with child-friendly literacy activities for family child care providers to use in their programs. Please call Linda for any training questions or any questions you may have about the van or email her at linda@crrn.com.

Provider Services Manager ○ Jill

Professional Development is as important for practitioners as is developmental appropriate play for young children. The CRRN has scholarships to assist early educators in their quest for furthering their knowledge base in early childhood education whether it be a training, a college course, obtaining a credential, or improving their program through ExceleRate and or Accreditation. Call Jill if you have any questions about the above professional development options or how to go about obtaining a scholarship or email her at jill@crrn.com.

Contact your team today!



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