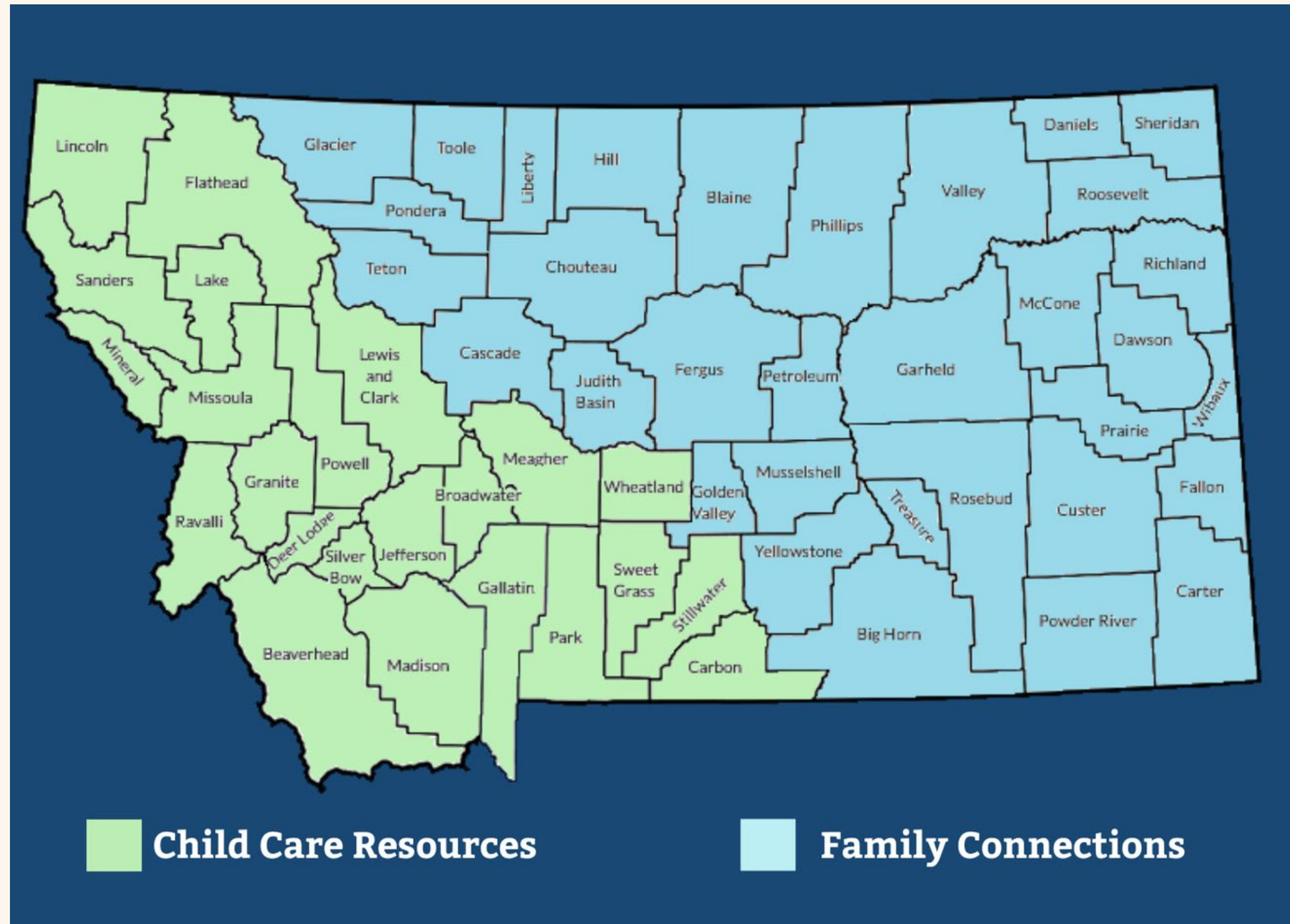


Child Care Agencies of Montana



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What Do We Do?

Child Care Agencies are your resource to find affordable child care in your area. Child Care Agencies, formally known as CCR&R agencies, offer the following services:

- Refer families of all income levels to licensed and registered child care in their area.
- Help families apply for the Best Beginnings Scholarship
- Determine scholarship eligibility

In addition to family services Child Care Agencies:

- Inform policy makers, businesses, and the public on child care related issues
- Advocate for child care providers and for families with children

Referral

1. Child Care Referrals are a FREE service for families to receive when looking for a provider in the area they live.
2. This is a great way for child care providers to market themselves to parents. Not to mention it's FREE!
3. Providers will fill out a child care needs form for the agency that serves the area they are located in.
4. Providers can also update their agency on current vacancies.
5. Contact your Child Care Agency for more information!

Best Beginning Child Care Scholarship

1. There are 4 different scholarship types; NonTANF, TANF, Working Caretaker Relative, and CPS.
2. The Child Care Scholarship has now moved to a completely online system designed to make managing your child care scholarship faster and easier by replacing paper-based processes.
3. Parents are now able to view:
 - Current Status: This includes any cases currently in a shortened eligibility span or an extension.
 - Current Authorizations: Parents can review your current authorization plans in the portal under "Scholarship Benefits & Payments".

Best Beginning Child Care Scholarship

1. Family must be residing in Montana
2. Children must be US Citizens for their child care to be covered
3. Family must be using a licensed, registered or FFN/RCE child care provider
4. Family must meet activity requirements
5. Family must meet income guidelines
6. Family must meet child support guidelines for any child in the household under the age of 18 with an absent parent

Key Policy Changes

1. **No More Paper:** Paper documents will no longer be accepted. All applications and proof of residency, income, and identity must be uploaded directly to the portal.
2. **New Care Slots:** Authorized hours are now simplified into Part-time (less than 25 hours per week) or Full-time (over 25 hours per week). Non-school-age children can be approved for either part-time or full-time care. School-age children are approved for part-time care during the school year, but can be authorized for full-time care during the summer if requested by the parent. ☒
3. **Reporting Changes:** Parents must report changes to income, address, or work status within 10 calendar days via the portal.

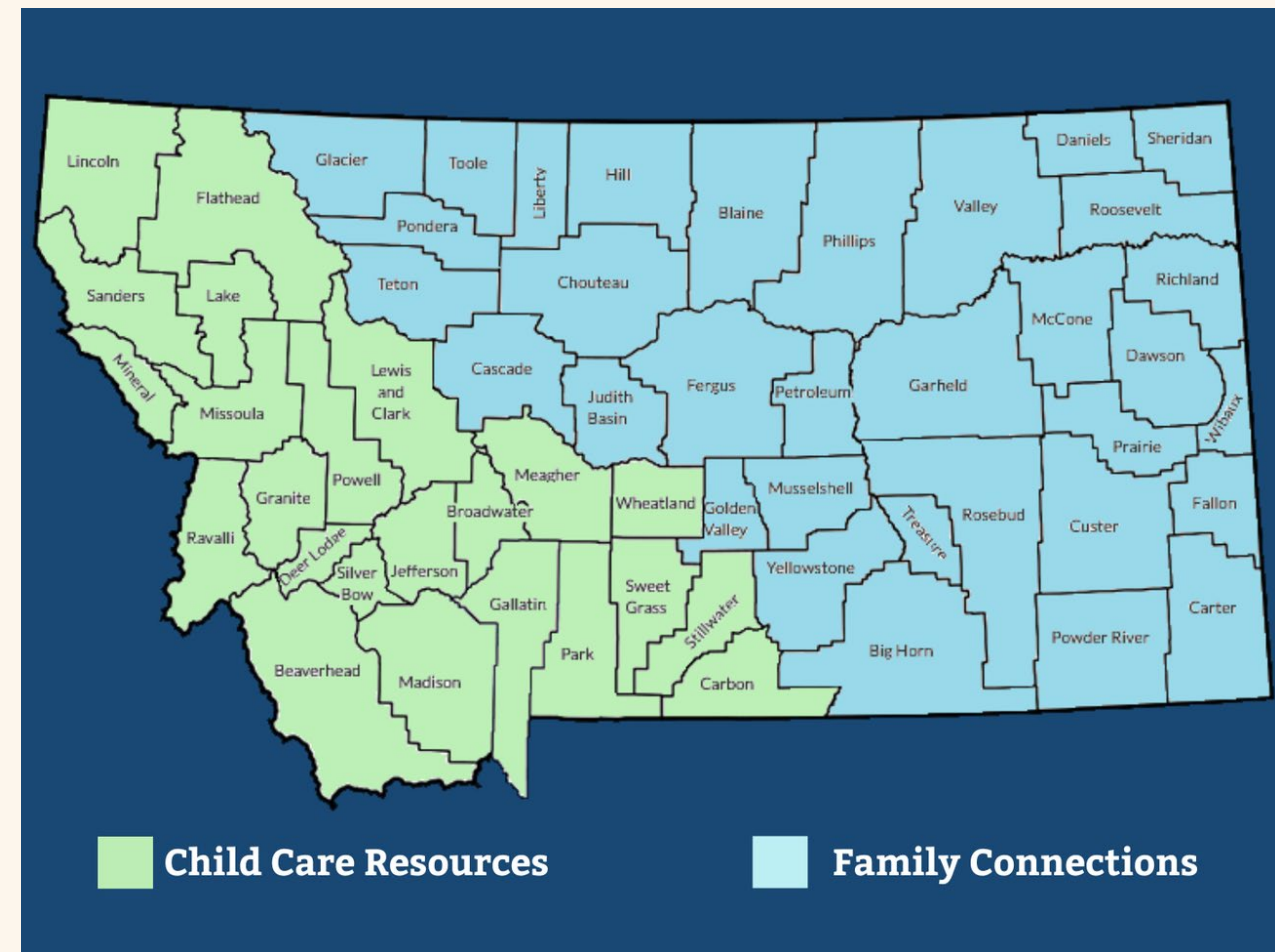
MAQCS for Providers

1. The Provider Portal provides a safe and easy way to manage your scholarship cases. Key features include:
 - Administrative Management: Manage EFT and W-9 forms and complete Provider Rights and Responsibilities.
 - Reporting: Report private pay rates, registration fees, and family copayments.
 - Enrollment & Attendance: Ability to see child(ren) authorized for child care and report weekly or monthly attendance.
 - Communication: Submit payment resolution requests and send or receive secure messages and notifications.

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Thank you