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SELECTING QUALITY SUMMER CARE FOR CHILDREN

Hartford, CT (June 16, 2017) Connecticut 2-1-1 Child Care is urging Connecticut parents looking for summer care for their children to consider the critical importance of selecting the right child care provider or summer camp. Researching the various summer care options may help avoid potential health, education and safety issues. To assist parents with their search, 2-1-1 Child Care offers a multitude of free resources.

“The services are free and confidential. We are a statewide child care resource and referral agency that provides parents with the information they need to make a sound decision when it comes to their child’s early care,” said Sherri Sutera, Senior Vice President, 2-1-1 Child Care.

2-1-1 Child Care helps match the requests of parents with child care providers and programs that best suit the child and their family’s needs. This service extends beyond just summer camps and summer child care programs. 2-1-1 Child Care also provides parents with access to information and referrals to licensed child care centers, part day nursery and preschool programs, family child care, before and after school programs.

As soon as a parent contacts 2-1-1 Child Care to access services, a child care referral specialist works with them to navigate the care selection process. These specialists conduct the intake assessment to determine specific needs that relate to environment, transportation needs, budget parameters, medication administration and scheduling. Based upon the family’s individual needs, 2-1-1 Child Care staff can provide sound direction and resources for parents, which results in selecting quality child care in a healthy and safe environment.

2-1-1 Child Care helps parents connect to other resources such as the child care subsidy program, Care 4 Kids or Birth to Three, for families who may have concerns about their children’s development.

Open To All Parents

2-1-1 Child Care is a service available to all parents, regardless of income and socioeconomic status. They have information available for all parents and manage child care requests ranging from subsidized programs to au pair services. Child Care referral specialists help parents determine if they are eligible for subsidies and assist them with the application process. Specialists discuss a family’s financial options; transportation issues and how to best transition their child from the home to a new child care environment.

Approximately 70,000 families in Connecticut are currently utilizing the 2-1-1 Child Care program annually. Some families work with 2-1-1 Child Care by phone and others utilize the online service. Further information can be found by dialing 2-1-1 or visiting www.211childcare.org.