



CCR&R Staff Advocacy and Education Do's and Don'ts

How you can help!

Any CCR&R agency staff paid through the support of Illinois Department of Human Services funds or any other public source **cannot** participate in general advocacy activities on agency time. The following chart shows some of the things that you can and can not do.

You Can ...	You Can Not ...
Offer Day Care Action Council's (DCACI) Public Policy and Advocacy Program contact information to parents or providers who say that they are concerned about child care issues and want to do something about the problems.	Offer information to parents or providers who did not ask for it.
Inform parents or providers that registering to and actually casting their vote is the best way to make a difference.	Tell parents or providers who or what to vote for.
Tell parents and providers to write a letter to their legislator thanking them for their work, or telling them about a problem. You can also provide them with a resource to get their legislators' names and addresses.	Tell parents and providers what to say.
Advocate by responding to DCACI's or other advocacy organizations' "Fax Alerts," making phone calls or writing letters on your own time (on breaks, before or after work) as long as you do not use IDHS materials (use a cell phone, your own paper and postage, etc).	Advocate during work hours or by using IDHS materials (phone, paper, postage).
Forward advocacy information to your family and friends or your own child care provider during your non-work time.	Send advocacy information during work hours or by using IDHS materials (phone, paper, postage).

For more information about advocating for high quality child care, contact:

DCACI Public Policy and Advocacy Program

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