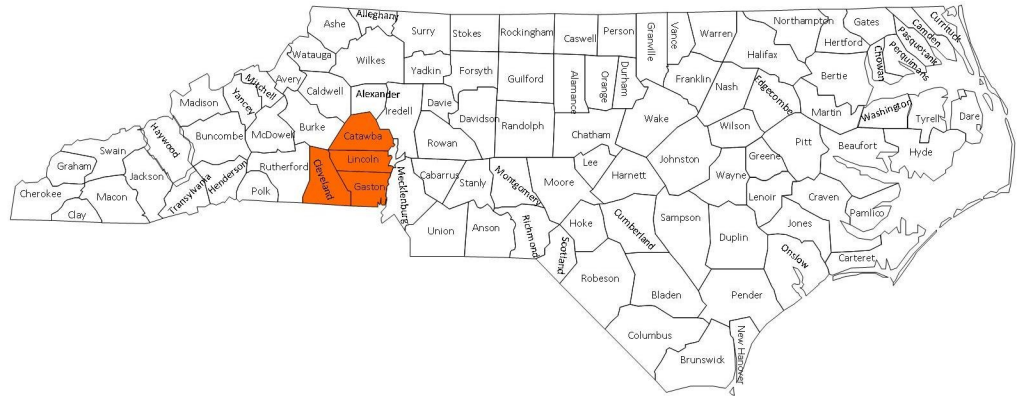


## CCR&R Region 7 Fact Sheet

### Counties in Region

Catawba  
Cleveland  
Gaston  
Lincoln



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### Regional Demographics

Total children ages 0-5	<b>37,222</b>
Total children ages 6-14	<b>62,391</b>
% of families with children 0-5 with all parents working	<b>70%</b>
% of families with children 6+ with all parents working	<b>72%</b>
Number of regulated early care & school age education programs	<b>312</b>
Number of 4-5 star early care & school age education programs	<b>232</b>
# of children enrolled in regulated early care & school age education programs	<b>13,081</b>
% of children enrolled in 4-5 star early care & school age education programs	<b>75%</b>
Size of early care & school age education workforce	<b>2,008</b>

Data sources: NC Office of Budget and Management, American Community Survey (2015-17 est.), and NC Division of Child Development (May 2017).

### Regional CCR&R Services (FY16)

Working families who received education and assistance finding child care (# of children served): 1,027  
Child care classrooms/homes that received technical assistance to improve/maintain their quality: 697  
Child care professionals who received training and professional development: 1,754

### Service Highlights:

Parent who received referral services, ***“Hope the program endures for a very long time. It was so helpful for me to be able to call one place and have knowledgeable staff assist me with finding child care. In addition, (they gave) me the tools to make a good decision and know what to look for in a child care facility.”***

Early Care and Education Provider, ***“I love the Technical Assistant from the CCR&R. I will always need and appreciate their services. They help take care of me and my business.”***

Early Care and Education Provider, ***“Trainings and workshops through the CCR&R are invaluable to child care teachers.”***

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