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Your Regional Child Care Resource & Referral Newsletter



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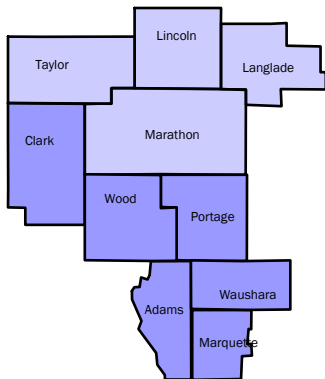
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Wisconsin's Child Care Rating Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Is participation of YoungStar required of all child care providers?

Participation in YoungStar is voluntary. However, licensed and certified child care providers that accept Wisconsin Shares payments are required to participate.

Is there a cost to the child care program for YoungStar?

There is **no** cost to a child care program to be in the YoungStar program. In fact, YoungStar will help programs by providing training, technical assistance, and small, targeted grants to help them get the things they need to improve and help kids learn even more effectively.

Are the trainings required to participate in YoungStar?

No, trainings are not required to participate in YoungStar. If you are in regulatory compliance, you will be awarded 2 stars; a two-star program will be eligible to receive WI Shares funding. **So why take the trainings?** Participating in trainings, may earn additional points toward your star rating.

How will years of experience be counted in this system?

Years of experience and training received in a non-credit and/or informal format will also be valuable to child care teachers, directors, and family child care providers as they establish their classroom environment and professional practices. The ability of a child care professional to put into practice the competencies gained through direct teaching experiences and informal training received can result in points earned in the quality indicator areas of early learning environment and professional practices. Motivated individuals may also earn points by contacting the technical college/university/private college system to determine if their personal life experiences can equate to specified credit value through the completion of a portfolio process that demonstrates competencies already met. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® WISCONSIN scholarships can help finance this and can help individuals complete further professional credit-based training. DCF will award points for providers with a CDA. CDA is an experience and competency based credential in child development.

Are grants available to teachers/providers to complete higher education?

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® WISCONSIN scholarships are available to help child care teachers and directors access credit-based instruction. These scholarships can cover most of the cost of tuition and provide a stipend for books and travel costs. More information about T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® WISCONSIN scholarships can be found at: <http://www.wecanaeyc.org/teach/index.php>. We are pleased to note that the Joint Committee on Finance appropriated additional resources for this program to support programs participating in YoungStar.

YoungStar WarmLine

A warm, friendly voice on the other end of the line will help you find the answers to your questions.

October-December, 2010

1-888-713-KIDS

Tuesday & Thursday

5:00 to 8:00 PM

Hosted by:

Supporting Families
Together Association (SFTA)

www.supportingfamilies.together.org

Find more YoungStar FAQ's at:
<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/pdf/faq.pdf>



BULLETIN BOARD

A Collaborative Degree Program:

Early Childhood / Early Childhood Special Education

This program is designed for individuals who will have completed an Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education at a Wisconsin Technical College who would like to pursue their Bachelor's Degree and teacher certification in Early Childhood (major) and Early Childhood Special Education (minor), ages 0-8.

For more information, contact Maggie Beeber at UW-Stevens Point: 715-346-2040 or mbeeber@uwsp.edu
Or visit www.uwsp.edu/education/ECECollaborative

Average Child Care Rates in Central Wisconsin Group Center & Family Child Care

Age	Weekly Rate/Full Time
0-12 months	\$140.07
1 Year	\$140.04
2 Years	\$135.71
3 Years	\$130.86
4 Years	\$128.87
5 Years	\$127.39
6 -8 Years	\$122.67
9+ Years	\$121.23

Average Center Staff Wages—Group Centers in Central WI

- Assistant Teacher: \$8.44 per hour
- Teacher: \$9.95 per hour
- Director: \$14.35 per hour

For more specific details and breakdowns of rates and wages, by county, please visit our websites or contact us.

As a part of the Pre-YoungStar, Immediate Training and Technical Assistance, we have an opportunity to provide intense, on-site consultation in early childhood classrooms/environments, located in Marathon and Wood Counties.

The programs that have been invited to apply were chosen based upon the highest number of WI Shares enrollments, in both family and group centers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Anneliese Sheahan, Mosinee

Brenda Whittle, Wausau

Bao V. Xiong, Wausau

Story Book Kids, Mosinee

Aspirus YMCA Child Development Ctr., Weston

Wonderfully Made Child Dev. Ctr., Weston

Shirley McCrossen, WI Rapids

Karen Mueller, Marshfield

Building Blocks Learning Center, WI Rapids

Child Care Centers of Marshfield, Marshfield

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Wisconsin is a statewide scholarship program designed to help you meet your professional development goals while continuing current employment in regulated early childhood and school age care settings. Currently there are four scholarship models available to support credit-based education: Credential Scholarship, Associate Degree Scholarship, Bachelor Degree Scholarship, 3-8 Credit Scholarship. Discover your career path with a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship! <http://www.wecanaeyc.org/teach>

Aspirus Children's Safety Center

Children's safety items for sale at reduced prices! We sell safety helmets, car seats (Wausau & Medford only), life jackets, safety locks for doors, cabinets and appliances, carbon monoxide and smoke alarms, safety gates and many more safety products. We also offer safety education and information on our products, along with car seat installation (by appointment only).

Made available through the Kohl's Cares for Kids grant program, we have four locations:

Aspirus Wausau Hospital, 333 Pine Ridge Blvd.,
Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 4:30pm. 715-847-2206.

Portage County Child Passenger Safety Office, 52 Sunset Blvd.,
Stevens Point. Tuesday – Friday, 8:00–4:00pm, 715-341-7328.

Memorial Health Center 135 S. Gibson St., Medford,
Thursday, 1:00–4:00pm. 715-748-8100, ext. 8309 or 715-748-8789

Aspirus Rhinelander Clinic, 1630 N. Chippewa Dr., Rhinelander
Monday – Friday, 8:00–4:30pm. 715-361-5480

Or visit us on the web, www.aspirus.org/safetycenter

ITEMS FOR SALE!

3' x 6' Child size table with 4 child size chairs.

(Table does adjust to being taller if needed). \$75.00



Step 2 Art Master Activity Desk.

(Dry erase desktop, two deep molded in side compartments, rear compartment, and a raised shelf, all with a desk lamp). \$30.00

For more information call 715.965.2796

Items are located in Stetsonville, WI

PROVIDER TRAINING

YoungStar Overviews

6:30-8:00 PM

Monday, Oct. 4th—7C's Child Care Center, Greenwood
 Monday Oct. 11th—Little Pioneer Child Care, Westfield

For more information and registration contact
 CCR&RCW at 715.423.4114

Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)

November 9th, 6:00-9:00 PM

Streitel Conference Center,
 St Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield

FREE (part of the Caring Hands Series)

Registration materials will be mailed.

Contact CCR&RCW for more information, 715.423.4114

Credit-based Courses for YoungStar - Mid-State Technical College

Children w/ Differing Abilities	Mon	6-9pm	11/1- 12/20	\$337.90	Marshfield
Curriculum Planning	Mon	6-9pm	11/1/- 12/20	\$337.90	WI Rapids

For more information contact MSTC at 888.575.MSTC (6782)

Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS)

Friday, Nov. 12th & Saturday, Nov. 13th
 8:30-4:30 PM (15 hrs of cont. ed.)

Spiedini's Italiano Ristorante, Stevens Point

Watch your mail for registration materials.
 Contact CCR&RCW for more information, 715.423.4114

Provider Support / Advocate Groups

Adams County

Adams County Early Childhood Education Council- Kelly Allen at 608.339.2868

Clark County & Marquette County

Contact CCR&R if interested in developing an advocate group at 800.628.8534

Portage County

Portage County Child Care Association — Joan Garski at 715.341.5873
 Portage County Leaders- RoxAnne Forrest at 715.342.2999

Waushara County

Contact Krista Sobieski at 920.566.0545

Wood County

Marshfield Area Child Care Association— Krisann Mauritz at 715.387.2218
 Wisconsin Rapids Child Care Advocates Council— Kitty Gross at 715.421.1092

Preparing for YoungStar

All Day Conference

Saturday, October 9th, 2010

7:30 am—5:15 pm

Mid-State Technical College, WI Rapids

Cost: \$25.00

Trainings include: Rating Scale Overview (ECERS, ITERS, FCCERS), Child Abuse & Neglect, and YoungStar Overview

Watch your mail for registration materials

For more information contact

CCRRCW at 715.423.4114

Child Development Portfolio (webinar)

November 4th, 2010 6:00-9:00 PM

Mid-State Technical College, WI Rapids

FREE (part of the Caring Hands Series)

Watch your mail for registration materials.

For more information contact

CCRRCW 715.423.4114

Program Administration Scale Training (PAS)

Intended for Directors of Group Child Care Programs

Friday, November 19th ~ 1:00pm-4:00pm

(YoungStar Overview from 9:30am-12:00pm)

Business Administration Scale Training (BAS)

Intended for Family Child Care Providers

Saturday, November 20th ~ 9:00am-12:00pm

Both trainings held at UW-Stevens Point

Contact CCRRCW at 715.423.4114 for registration

(Each training is limited to the first 25 participants)

Preparing for YoungStar

All Day Conference

Saturday, October 23rd, 2010

7:30 am—5:15 pm

Streitel Conference Center,
 St. Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield

Cost: \$25.00

Trainings include: Rating Scale Overview (ECERS, ITERS, FCCERS), Strengthening Families/Protective Factors, and Young Star Overview

Watch your mail for registration materials.

Contact CCR&RCW for more information, 715.423.4114

PROVIDER TRAINING

Heartsaver CPR Training w/ AED

Monday, October 25th, 6:00pm-9:30pm

Location: CCC, 407 W Main St. Merrill

Cost: \$45 per person (includes workbook & CPR card)

Register—call CCC at 715.539.9779.

Choosing Accreditation: NAFCC (for Family Child Care Providers)

Saturday, December 4, 2010—9:00 to 4:00 PM—NTC, Wausau

Register: www.wecanaeyc.org or 1-800-783-9322

More accreditation training available statewide—contact WECA!

Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)

November 1st, 2010 — 6:00-8:30pm

Family Resource Center, Wausau

Cost: \$10.00

Watch your mail for registration materials.

Contact CCC for more information 715.539.9779

Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS)

Friday, Oct. 8th — 5:00-9:00 PM

Saturday, Oct 9th — 8:00-4:00 PM

Northcentral Technical College, Wausau Campus

Cost: \$119.10 (1 college credit)

Contact CCC for more information 715.539.9779

Pyramid Model Training Series

A Model for Supporting Social Competence and Preventing Challenging Behavior in Young Children

October 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

November 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd

You must attend every class to complete the series.

Each class will be from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at AC Kiefer in Wausau.

Cost: \$50 per person for the entire series.

For registration, contact CCRRCW at 715-423-4114



Northcentral Technical College Early Childhood Continuing Education Opportunities

SBS Prevention Training	10/9/10	9-10:30am	\$12
Child Abuse & Neglect/SIDS	10/9/10	8:30-11:30am	\$19
SBS Prevention Training	11/18/10	6:30-8pm	\$12

(Most classes available ITV, call NTC for more information)
(ITV Campuses: Antigo, Medford, Phillips, Spencer, & Wittenberg)

REGISTER online at www.ntc.edu/wis/register or by phoning the Wausau campus at 715.675.3331 x 5861, or your local campus.

Early Childhood Fall Kick-Off

The Building Blocks to YoungStar

Saturday, October 23rd, 2010

8:00-3:30 PM

Northcentral Technical College, Wausau

Health Science Building

\$25.00 (includes lunch & some materials)

*Conference includes: Rating Scale Overview (ECERS, ITERS, FCCERS),
Child Abuse & Neglect, Protective Factors/Strengthening Families*

Sessions offered in Hmong: YoungStar Overview & Rating Scale Overview

For more information contact CCC at 715.539.9779

Registration materials will be mailed soon!

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Xov tooj yog: 715.536.5309

Child Development Portfolio (webinar)

November 4th, 2010 — 6:00-9:00pm

NTC-Wausau, Health Science Building

(ITV to Antigo & Medford)

Cost: \$10.00

Watch your mail for registration materials.

Contact CCC for more information 715.539.9779

Q-Net: Quality Networking for Early Childhood Professionals

Locations: Neillsville School-Head Start **OR**
Medford Head Start

Light Meal at 5:30; Training from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

October 14th, 2010: Music & Literacy

November 18th, 2010: Literacy & Movement

December 9th, 2010: Nutrition & Literacy

January 13th, 2011: Literacy in Transition & Self Care Routines

Cost: \$5 per session, or \$30 for 7 sessions (Paid in advance)

Pre-registration is required; contact us at 800.628.8534

Future training dates: February 10th, March 10th, & April 7th

Provider Support / Advocate Groups

Langlade County: Meeting times to be determined.

For more information contact, Donna Murra at 715.350.4159

Lincoln County: Meeting times to be determined.

For more information contact, Brenda Danielczak at 715.551.4775

Marathon County: Meeting times to be determined.

For more information contact, Tammy Westfall at 715.443.9999

Taylor County: 3rd Monday of month -

For more information, call Kelly Emmerich at 715.748.6192.

ACTIVITY CENTER

October

2nd is Guardian Angels Day
11th is National Kick Butt Day
23rd is Make a Difference Day
31st is Books for Treats Day

Rattling Skeletons

Need: White paper, crayons, and glue

Directions: Use white paper to form 5 paper chains, and then connect to make a skeleton. Trace children's hands and feet on white paper, cut and glue to the ends of the arms and legs. Cut an oval shape and draw on the face.



Leaf Match

Use a glue stick to glue leaves plucked from 4-6 different trees on to a poster board. Cover with clear contact paper. Sandwich leaves of the same size and variety between two pieces of clear contact paper. Trim around each leaves leaving a ¼ " sealed edge. Set the board and leaves on a tray. The children match the leaves.



Stained Glass Leaves

Need: Fall leaves, wax paper, warm iron, paper, scissors, and glue

Directions: Gather some colorful fall leaves. Place a few leaves in an interesting arrangement between two pieces of waxed paper. Lay a piece of newspaper over the waxed paper. Press gently with a warm iron (*Adult Only*). The waxed paper melts together, sealing around the leaf. Trim the waxed paper and glue a construction paper frame around it. These look great in windows, so the sun can shine through.

Snowball Catch

Empty bleach bottles with handles, white yarn balls

Cut each clean bleach bottle at an angle starting just below the handle to make a large scoop. Two children will play toss together using the yarn. Younger kids can use the scoops independently to toss the yarn up in the air to catch.



Icy Toes

Sung to: "Jingle Bells"

Icy toes, Chilly nose,
Wintertime is here.
My teeth Chatter,
What's the matter?
Wintertime is here, Oh!
Icy toes, Chilly nose,
Wintertime is here.
My teeth chatter,
What's the matter?
Wintertime is here.

December

6th is Miners' Day
11th is Day of the Horse
21st is Crossword Puzzle Day
26th is National Whiner's Day

Apple Doughnuts

Need: Apples, peanut butter, raisins, small fruit chunks

Core several whole apples, then slice the apples so that each slice will have a center hole, creating an apple doughnut shape. Let children use craft sticks to spread peanut butter over their apple slices; then have them choose fruit chunks to set into the peanut butter and decorate their doughnuts.

November

3rd is Sandwich Day
15th is America Recycles Day
21st is World Hello Day
26th is Maize Day

Wake Up, Wake Up by Brian & Rebecca Wildsmith

The First Day of School by Patrick K. Hallinan

The Vanishing Pumpkin by Tony Johnston

Going to Daycare by Mister Rogers

Will I have a Friend by Miriam Cohen



Reindeer Card Holder

Gallon Milk Jug, Brown Paper (or paper bag), Glue, Crayons, Large Red Pom Pom

Take the gallon milk jug and cut off the top section, just below the handle. Cover with brown paper. Trace the child's hand on another piece of brown paper, cut them out, and glue on as antlers. Draw eyes and mouth, and attach the big red pom pom for the nose.

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MISSION: *To be the key resource of comprehensive services to enhance quality child care in Central Wisconsin.*

We would like to wish you a
Happy Holiday Season!



From your local

Child Care Resource & Referral
Agencies



CCR&R Office Services

Available for child care providers.

Laminator: 75 cents per foot

Copier: 10 cents per white copy

Both are self-serve! CALL AHEAD:

(Merrill) 715.539.9779, (WI Rapids) 715.423.4114
or 1.800.628.8534

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MISSION: *To respond to needs and deliver services that improve and support a quality child care system.*

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