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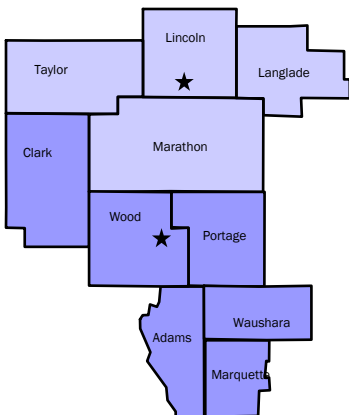
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YOUNGSTAR UPDATE TIERED REIMBURSEMENT RATES

On May 31, 2011 Joint Finance Committee (JFC) approved the Governor's budget for the tiered reimbursement system.

The initial design for YoungStar, approved by the Joint Finance Committee in 2010, included fiscal incentives to programs that met higher quality standards—a tiered reimbursement system. The Governor's budget will implement the tiered reimbursement system, but with significant changes from the initial design, that will reduce incentive payments for 2-5 star programs.

The chart below lists the modifications that JFC approved:

YoungStar Rating	Change to Payment
One Star	No Reimbursement
Two Stars	5% REDUCTION
Three Stars	No Change
Four Stars	5% increase
Five Stars	10% increase

Also included in the modifications are the following:

- The effective date of the tiered reimbursement schedule will begin July 1, 2012
- Starting January 1, 2013 Five-Star programs will increase to 25%
- DCF will determine the severity index to programs out of compliance – no rule process

What does this mean for your program? Based on the above chart, if your program applied for Option A (Automated Rating), you will receive 5% less from the Wisconsin Shares Program for the children and families receiving the state assistance. Some programs may choose to increase the co-pay from families to off-set that 5% difference.

For more information contact your Child Care Resource & Referral, or visit: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/default.htm>

**Your
WI Shares
payments
will be
linked to
your
YoungStar
Rating
July 1,
2012**



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Ken Repinski of Stevens Point, WI, owner and operator of “Mr. Mom’s Child Care” was given the “Excellence Star of Region 8 Award” by Joan Garski, Region 8 representative and Portage County Child Care Association president.

Ken started “Mr. Mom’s Child Care” in Sept. of 1990 after looking for infant child care for his newborn son. “Mr. Mom’s” has been the first choice for parents of over 40 children in Portage County in the last 21 years. Some families with multiple siblings have been with him for more than 10 years.

*Congratulations
To Local
Child Care
Providers!*



Debbie Schmelling of Merrill, WI, owner and operator of “Children in Bloom” was given the “Rising Star Award” by the Department of Children and Families.

For the past ten years, Debbie has been giving Merrill children a strong start in life. Combining her formal professional education with her rich personal experience as mother to six children, Debbie knows first-hand the value of child care program improvement opportunities and uses the knowledge she gained to provide excellence everyday.



Sharon A. Mras of Stevens Point, WI, owner & operator of “Sharon’s Care Centre” has received her Certification of Accreditation by the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) which is valid for three years. Sharon also received her CDA (Child Development Associate) Credential by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C. and is valid for five years.

Sharon has been providing child care in her home since 1983 in Stevens Point and this is her third CDA and National Accreditation. Sharon participates on local, state, and national boards — Portage County Child Care Association board, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA), Wisconsin Family Child Care Association (WFCCA), the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). Sharon creates an individualized curriculum based on the developmental needs of the children in her care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

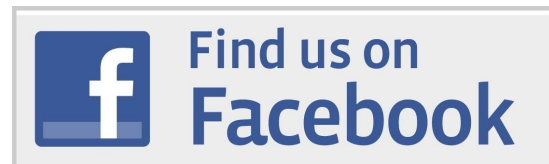
Average Child Care Rates in Central WI Group Center & Family Child Care

Age	Weekly Rate/Full Time
0 - 12 months	\$147.38
1 year	\$146.44
2 year	\$139.20
3 year	\$135.69
4 year	\$134.33
5 year	\$133.11
6 - 8 years	\$129.09
9+ years	\$128.05

Average Center Staff Wages—Group Centers

- Assistant Teachers: \$8.43 per hour
- Teachers: \$10.03 per hour
- Assistant Directors: \$11.07 per hour
- Directors: \$14.24 per hour

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



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Providing assistance and support to communities and child care providers in Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, and Taylor Counties.

PROVIDER TRAINING

Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Training

Thursday, July 14, 2011 ~ 6:00 to 7:30 PM

St. Joseph Early Childhood Center
1901 Lincoln Avenue, Stevens Point

Pre-registration is required - By July 8th
Cost: \$15

Contact CCRRCW at 715-423-4114
for more information



Upcoming Opportunities for Professional Development

Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)

Wednesdays, September 7, 14 and 21

6:00 – 8:00pm

Plover Branch Library

FREE to child care providers in Portage or Wood County

Child Outcomes/Portfolio/Curriculum Development

Learn the principles of quality curriculum and assessment and how child portfolios celebrate learning and guide curriculum planning.

Tuesdays, September 20 and 27

6:00 – 8:00pm

Capsell Center, Wautoma

Cost: \$25

Child Assessment/Portfolio Development

Learn the principles of assessment and how child portfolios celebrate learning and guide curriculum planning.

Monday, October 24 ~ 6:00 – 8:00pm

Canaland Christian Academy of Early Learning,
Stevens Point

Cost: \$15

YoungStar Mini Conference

Family Involvement and Child Outcomes/Portfolio/
Curriculum Development sessions
Learn how provider and family relationships shape positive child outcomes, the principles of quality curriculum and assessment and how child portfolios celebrate learning and guide curriculum planning.

Saturday, November 5

8:30 am – 4:00pm

Rome Town Hall, Nekoosa

Cost: \$35 (includes lunch)

**Look for fall opportunities to attend full
WMELS and Pyramid Model (SEFEL) trainings!**

**Watch your mail for registration materials.
Visit our [Training Calendar](#) for more info.
Questions? Contact CCRRCW at 715.423.4114**

9th Annual Leading the Way Conference

for Early Childhood Professionals

Saturday September 24th, 2011

8:00am-4:00pm

UW-Stevens Point

Today's Play . . . Tomorrow's Success

Watch your mail and e-mail for more information

Creating Special Moments with Infants & Toddlers

(Part of the Better Kid Care Series)

Special moments should occur more often than celebrating children's birthdays or when developmental milestones are reached.

Learn how to turn diaper changing and other routine tasks into special moments that you share with each child.

Thursday, September 22nd, 2011 ~ 6:00pm-8:00pm

Wood County Courthouse Auditorium, Wis. Rapids

Thursday, September 29th, 2011 ~ 6:00pm-8:00pm

Marshfield Public Library, Marshfield

Training is **free** of charge, to pre-register contact:

WI Rapids training: CCR&RCW at 715-423-4114

Marshfield training: Children's Service Society /
MF FRC at 715-387-2326

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— Beth Knuth at 715.423.5312

PROVIDER TRAINING

Heartsaver CPR Training w/ AED

CCC will offer CPR w/ AED classes in the Fall, dates to be determined. If you need this class before then, please call our office at 715-539-9779, to be placed on a waiting list. Future classes will also be listed in our next issue of this newsletter.



Upcoming Opportunities for Professional Development **Dates, Locations, and Costs are being finalized.**

Provider Support / Advocate Groups

Langlade County: Meeting times to be determined. For more information contact, Donna Murra at 715.350.4159

Lincoln County: April 4th, 6pm at Lincoln Co. FRC For more information contact, Karen Grund at 715.536.9058 or Dolly Tanck at 715.536.7581

Marathon County: Contact CCC at 715.539.9779 if interested in developing an advocate group.

Taylor County: 3rd Monday of month - For more information, call Kelly Emmerich at 715.748.6192.

Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards—Merrill

- Understand the domains of child development
- Obtain strategies and resources for laying a strong foundation in early care and education
- Learn how to utilize concrete tools and tips for applying early learning standards in group and family child care programs

Family Involvement—Wausau

- Describe elements of a strong family teacher/caregiver relationship
- Discuss how provider and family partnerships shape positive child outcomes
- Understand how to apply at least three strategies to build family partnerships

Ages & Stages Questionnaire—Wausau

- Understand the purpose for developmental screening and the role of childcare providers
- Understand how to use ASQ materials and have strength based conversations with parents regarding child development
- Understand how to build community partnerships and the referral processes for children with developmental delays

Business Series: Part 1, 2, & 3—Wausau

Coordinated with WECA

- Review the Business & Professional Practices component of YoungStar
- Identify the three most pressing business practices s/he needs to improve for a desired YoungStar rating
- Explore the Model Work Standards as a tool for building and sustaining an effective workforce and meeting the YoungStar indicators for quality business practices

Watch your mail for registration materials.
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 Northcentral Technical College Early Childhood Continuing Education Opportunities			
SIDS, Child Abuse & Neglect	7/18/11	6:00-9:00 PM	\$19
Shaken Baby Syndrome	8/1/11	6:30-8:00 PM	\$19
SIDS, Child Abuse & Neglect	8/25/11	6:30-9:30 PM	\$19
Back to School: Helping Children Transition from Summer to School	8/29/11	6:30-8:30 PM	\$12
Take a Look at Creative Curriculum	8/31/11	6:30-9:30 PM	\$19
Too Much Too Soon?	9/7/11	6:30-8:30 PM	\$12
Preparing for Disaster	9/13/11	6:30-9:30 PM	\$19
Challenging Behaviors	9/13-9/27	6:00-8:30 PM	\$49
Are Super Heroes Attacking Your Room?	9/15/11	6:30-8:30 PM	\$12
SIDS, Child Abuse & Neglect	9/21/11	6:30-9:30 PM	\$19
The Project Approach	9/27/11	6:30-9:30 PM	\$12
Take a Look at the WI State Admin. Code: Child Care Licensing Manual	9/29/11	6:30-8:30 PM	\$12
Make & Play: The Wonder of Inventing Games for School Aged	10/4/11	6:30-8:30 PM	\$12
Autism Defined	10/6/11	6:00-9:00 PM	\$19
Grow Brain, Grow!	10/6/11	7:00-9:00 PM	\$12
Shaken Baby Syndrome	10/11/11	6:30-8:00 PM	\$12
Laughter, Emotions & the Brain	10/12/11	7:00-9:00 PM	\$12
Commonly Pursued Methods	10/13/11	6:00-9:00 PM	\$19
(Most classes available ITV, call NTC for more information) (ITV Campuses: Antigo, Medford, Phillips, Spencer, & Wittenberg) REGISTER online at www.ntc.edu/wls/register or by phoning the Wausau campus at 715.675.3331 x 5861, or your local campus.			

ACTIVITY CENTER

July

Family Golf Month

Sandwich Generation Month

Mango & Melon Month

National Grilling Month

Red, White, & Blue Wind Socks

Paper, glue, string, streamers

Decorate red, white or blue construction paper and roll it length wise, glue together. Add string as a handle to one end. Add red, white and blue streamers to the other end.

To The Beach

Sung to: "London Bridge"

We are going to the beach,
to the Beach, to the beach,
We are going to the beach,
in our bathing suits.

We will find there rocks and shells,
Rocks and shells, Rocks and Shells.
We will find there rocks and shells,
to gather by the water.

We will build a sand castle,
Sand castle, sand castle,
we will build a sand castle,
with bridges and a tower.
We will have a picnic too,
picnic too, picnic too,
We will have a picnic too,
With Sandwiches and oranges.

Home we head with Sunburned Cheeks,
Sunburned Cheeks, Sunburned Cheeks,
Home we head with sunburned Cheeks,
and treasures from our visit.



Tackle Box

Need: Egg carton, cord, paint, paper clips, Styrofoam

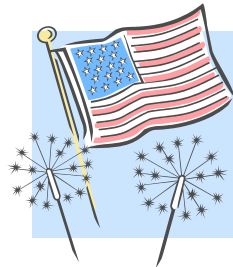
Directions: Make two holes approximately three inches apart in the center of the lid of an egg carton. Thread a cord through the holes and tie to make a handle. Paint the box. In the box, place paper clips for hooks and S-shaped Styrofoam pieces for worms.

I Like School
by Michael Manteau

Bubble Trouble
by Mary Packard

The Reason for a Flower
by Ruth Heller

Once upon a Picnic
by John Prater



Sunshine Shake

- In a blender combine
- ⇒ 6oz. can unsweetened frozen orange Juice concentrate
 - ⇒ 3/4 c. milk
 - ⇒ 3/4 c. cold water
 - ⇒ 1 tsp. vanilla,
 - ⇒ 6 ice cubes.

Serve!

August

American Adventures Month
Mushroom & Onion Month
National Water Quality Month
Orange & Papaya Month

Rainbow Salad

Make a fruit rainbow:

Red strawberries
Orange oranges
Yellow pineapple
Green apples
Blue blueberries
Purple grapes

Colored Flowers

Put cold water into three glasses and add drops of food coloring to each. Stand white flowers in each glass. After a few days the petals will start to change color. Leave for two more days and the flowers will be the same color as the water they're standing in.

Sandpaper Apples

Need: Sand paper, crayons, paper, Iron (Adult Only)

Directions: Used a piece of sand paper, the rough side, and draw an apple with a black crayon. Color in the apple, pushing down on the crayon, with a green leaf on top. Take white paper and flip the sandpaper onto it, apple side down. Iron with a warm iron and the print transfers to the white paper.



September

Apple Month

Baby Safety Month

Children's Good Manner Month

Fall Hat Month

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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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MISSION:

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

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