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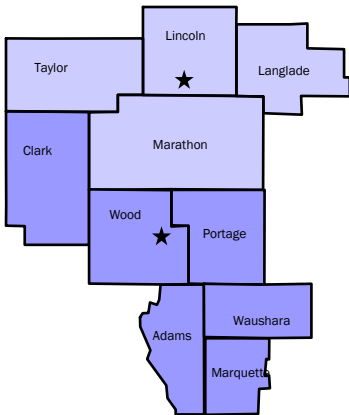
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Celebrate Children Foundation

Caring investments. Thriving children.

The Celebrate Children Foundation has established a **Purchasing Consortium** to benefit family and group child care centers throughout Wisconsin. The purpose of the Celebrate Children Purchasing Consortium is to provide a variety of products and services, many at a considerable discount, to family and group child care centers across the state.

The Celebrate Children Purchasing Consortium is able to provide value by saving you time, money, and resources, so you can focus on what really matters: enhancing early learning programs that benefit our children. Plus, all of the vendor partners will donate a portion of their profits to the Celebrate Children Foundation. This means that your purchases will directly benefit early learning programs for children from birth to age five in Wisconsin.

Exclusive Member Benefits

- ❑ **DISCOUNTS** on everyday purchases from preferred vendor partners.
- ❑ **FREE** membership for all early learning programs in Wisconsin.
- ❑ **FLEXIBILITY** of selecting products and services that best meet the needs of your business.
- ❑ **ADVOCACY** for young kids in Wisconsin; proceeds help positively impact early learning programs for children from birth to age five.

Joining is Simple!

Visit <http://www.celebrate-children.org/consortium/> and complete your **FREE** enrollment today. Then, browse our growing list of preferred vendor partners and customize your vendor partner selections based on your child care program's needs:

- ❑ **Best Buy:** Computers, software, and 24-hour Tech support
- ❑ **Broadbent & Williams, Inc:** Web design templates
- ❑ **Century Services:** Extensive line of 100% juice blends
- ❑ **Design4Kids, LLC:** Design & inspection services for children's play & learn environments
- ❑ **Dierks Waukesha:** Food and grocery wholesale distributor
- ❑ **First Financial Merchant Services:** Credit & debit card processing for child care tuition
- ❑ **HR Technology Solutions:** Payroll processing and HR Solutions
- ❑ **Kaplan Early Learning Company:** Early care and education curriculum materials
- ❑ **MetLife:** Investment services
- ❑ **Proforma Albrecht & Company:** Customized promotional products
- ❑ **SaberCor:** Cleaning supplies, janitorial services, and building and grounds maintenance
- ❑ **School Specialty, Inc:** School supplies and curriculum materials
- ❑ **The Willow Store:** Reusable eco-friendly diapers.

About the Foundation

The Celebrate Children Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that helps communities in Wisconsin create the most effective early learning systems for children from birth to age five. The Foundation is best known by its "Celebrate Children" specialty license plate.

Learn More

Visit <http://www.celebrate-children.org/consortium/> for more information or to enroll today!



BULLETIN BOARD

The first full-year of YoungStar services is complete!

Congratulations to everyone that is participating in YoungStar. We appreciate your commitment to providing quality care for the children and families in our communities.

REGION 6—

Adams, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marquette, Portage, Taylor, Waushara, and Wood Counties.

In 2011

Applications Received: 374

Automated, 2 Star Ratings: 197

Programs Receiving On-Site Technical Assistance: 201

Formal Ratings with Observation (potential 4 or 5 Stars): 24

Accredited, 5 Star Programs: 6



Stayed tuned for more information about the 2012 YoungStar Re-Application Process!

NCAEYC

Serving Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, and Taylor Counties

North Central Association for the Education of Young Children (NCAEYC) is the local Affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

For more information such as Membership Options and Benefits, visit:

<http://www.childcareconnectioninc.org/NCAEYC.html>

or call Child Care Connection at 715-539-9779 or 1-800-628-8534.



Earn a YoungStar Optional Point by becoming a member!

Please extend a warm welcome to Shelley Weiler, our new Resource and Referral Assistant! Shelley's background is in communication, marketing and community service.

You can find us both on Facebook! Stay up-to-date with last minute information, participate in chances to win prizes, and network with other early childhood professionals.



www.facebook.com/CCRRCW



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ITEMS FOR SALE

Activity Mat - \$20.00

4 Seat Toddler Table - Retail for \$525.00 selling for \$300.00

Climber - Retail for around \$575.00 selling for \$200.00

For more details or questions contact:

April Michalik, My Lil Angels Childcare
925 5th Ave, Antigo WI 54409
715-627-2199

Visit the [YoungStar](http://www.youngstar.org) website frequently to stay up-to-date on changes to YoungStar!

<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar>

PROVIDER TRAINING

Pyramid Model Training Series scheduled for January 16th through March 5th is full.

If you would like to be placed on a waiting list for upcoming SEFEL trainings,
please contact CCRRCW at 715.423.4114

Marshfield Area Child Care Association (MACCA) (Training topics to be announced)

Tuesday January 10th 6:30 – 8:30 PM and
Tuesday March 20th 6:30 – 8:30 PM

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

Contact Krisann Mauritz at
715.387.2218 for more information

Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Training

Thursday, February 2, 2012 ~ 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Hometown Children's Center
709 Northpoint Dr, Stevens Point 54481
Cost: \$15

Please register by January 26th, 2012
to CCRRCW at 715.423.4114

Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS)

Friday, March 2nd & Saturday, March 10th
(Must attend both days)

8:30 AM—4:30 PM

Canaland, Stevens Point
Cost: \$40

Watch your mail for registration materials!

Provider Support / Advocate Groups

Adams County

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

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

Upcoming Opportunities for Professional Development

Dates, Locations, and Costs are being finalized.

Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards
SCAN-MRT

Hand Washing / Health & Wellness

Pyramid Model—SEFEL

Literacy

Strengthening Families

Diversity

Darkness to Light

Environmental Rating Scale

Watch your mail for registration materials.
Visit our [Training Calendar](#) for more info.

Questions? Contact CCRRCW at
715.423.4114

*Marshfield Area Child Care Association
(MACCA) presents...*

2011 Annual Winter Conference

Saturday, February 11, 2012

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Clearwaters Hotel and Convention Center,
Marshfield

Featuring Laurie Guest as Keynote speaker
*Life in the Espresso Lane - 7 Ways to thrive in a fast-paced
world*

Contact Krisann Mauritz at
715.387.2218 for more information

PROVIDER TRAINING

Heartsaver CPR Training w/ AED

CCC will offer CPR w/ AED classes in the new year; dates, location, and times are yet to be determined. If you need this class before one is scheduled, 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.

Pyramid Model Training for Early Childhood

February 23 & 24, 2012

Mosinee School District Office, Mosinee

Presenter: Stephanie Lulich, CESA 9/12

Cost: Free (includes lunch and materials)

To register by February 17th, 2012 contact

Jean Hill 715.453.2141 or visit

<http://www2.cesa9.k12.wi.us/registration>

Space is Limited Register Early!

Let it Snow!




Preserving Early Childhood (PEC) Collaborative Leadership Forum

February 28 & 29, 2012

Tours of Collaborative Sites: February 27

Madison Concourse Hotel Madison, WI

For reservations: 800.356.8293

 Northcentral Technical College Early Childhood Continuing Education Opportunities			
SIDS, Child Abuse & Neglect	1/24/12	6:30P - 9:30P	\$20
SIDS, Child Abuse & Neglect	2/4/12	9:00A - 12:00P	\$20
Shaken Baby Syndrome	2/18/12	9:00A - 10:30A	\$20
Family Child Care: English Language Learners	3/10/12	9:00A - 12:00P	\$20
SIDS, Child Abuse & Neglect	3/12/12	7:00P - 10:00P	\$20
Shaken Baby Syndrome	3/14/12	9:00A - 10:30A	\$20
Transitions for Young Children	4/14/12	9:00A - 12:00P	\$20
School Aged: What Do They Need?	5/5/12	9:00A - 12:00P	\$20
(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.			

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Hand Washing / Health & Wellness

Active Early

Pyramid Model—SEFEL

Literacy

Strengthening Families

Diversity

Child Outcomes / Portfolio / Curriculum

Environmental Rating Scale

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Questions? Contact CCC at 715.539.9779

Provider Support / Advocate Groups

Langlade County: Meeting times TBD.

For more information contact, Donna Murra at 715.350.4159

Lincoln County: Meeting times TBD. 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.

ACTIVITY CENTER

January is..

Apple & Apricot Month
Bath Safety Month
Oatmeal Month
Book Blitz Month

Snow Maze

Create a path in the snow using your feet. As you walk make twists and turns in the path. Stop after some distance, turn around and head to a random point along the path. Start a new path off of the first one. Keep walking, creating dead ends and curves. Encourage the children to try and find their way through the maze. *A shovel or a snow blower (not when children are present) maybe be used to clear a path of snow also.*

Jello in the Snow

Mix jello per directions on package.
Pour into clean baby food jars; one per student. Place jars in a large tub. Together, fill tub with snow. Watch to see when jello sets.

Chubby Snowmen

A chubby little snowman had a carrot nose. (*point to nose*)
Along came a bunny and what do you suppose? (*put 2 fingers up and "hop" them like a bunny*)
That hungry little bunny, looking for his lunch (*rub your belly*)
Ate that snowman's carrot nose, (*use your hand to "chomp" like a mouth*)
Nibble, nibble, CRUNCH! (*clap- 2 softer and 1 loud for "CRUNCH!"*)



Chalk Heart

Need: Pink Construction Paper, Red and white chalk, Butter knife, Dish pan, and water.

Directions: Cut a heart out of Pink Construction paper. Fill the dish pan with water. Using a butter knife to grate red and white chalk onto the surface of the water in the dishpan. Then gently place the pink heart over the water Pick it up and place it somewhere to dry.

Foot Print Penguin

Black & White Construction paper, Pencil, Scissors, Glue, Black marker, Google eyes

Trace and cut out 3 foot prints, 2 black and 1 white. You will also need to cut out two penguin feet. Glue your 2 black foot prints onto a piece of construction paper, over-lapping them. Next, glue on your penguin's feet, underneath the black body. Glue your white foot print over your black foot prints and your ready to draw on your penguin's face!

March is...

Bell Peppers & Broccoli Month
Employee Spirit Month
Music in our Schools Month
National Kidney Month

February is...

Youth Leadership Month
National Cherry Month
Library Lovers Month
Bake for Family Fun Month

Sprinkle Trees

Sugar cones, Icing, Sprinkles, Paper plate or wax paper, Knife (optional)

If you want your trees different sizes than the full sugar cone you will need to cut them down.

Spread icing all over your sugar cone. Pour some sprinkles on to a paper plate or piece of wax paper and roll your cone until it's covered with sprinkles. Make each of your trees unique by using different colors and sizes of sprinkles, mix them together if you want! You can put ornaments on your tree by sticking on some small candy like mini M&Ms.

Snowie Rolie
by William Joyce

Roses are Pink, Your Feet
Really Stink
by Diane DeGroat

Growing Colors
by Bruce McMillan

Green Shamrocks
by Eve Bunting and Joelle
Dreidemy

Lucky Charm Necklace

Macaroni with large holes, Green food coloring, Wax paper, Zipper baggie, Construction paper, Scissors, Pencil, Yarn/twine/ribbon, Hole punch

Mix 1 teaspoon of water with 6 drops of green food coloring in a zipper baggie. Add 1/2 cup macaroni, seal the baggie and squish it around until the pasta is well coated, let dry. Cut out some small shamrocks. Cookie cutters make great templates. Punch holes in the tops of each shamrock. String your macaroni and shamrocks on to your yarn. When you've finished stringing, tie the ends together!



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

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

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