

# “The Resource”

Child Care Resource & Referral of Central Wisconsin, Inc.  
Serving Adams, Clark and Wood Counties



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August-September 2009

## REGIONALIZATION OF CCR&R SERVICES IN WISCONSIN

Child Care Resource and Referral of Central Wisconsin, Inc. is proud to be one of the many agencies represented by the Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA). SFTA was created in 2007 with a merger of the Wisconsin Child Care Resource & Referral Network, the Wisconsin Child Care Improvement Project and a statewide network of Family Resource Centers.

SFTA’s mission is to support groups that promote quality early care, resources and education to enrich the lives of children and strengthen families. For more information, please visit: [www.supportingfamliestogether.org](http://www.supportingfamliestogether.org)

In an effort to maintain high quality CCR&R services across Wisconsin, CCR&R agencies and SFTA are moving toward a more efficient and effective system of service delivery related to serving families, child care providers and communities. We’re moving to a regional model that will create stronger collaborations between CCR&R’s within eight geographic regions and streamline services to reduce duplication and increase community impacts. Specific implementation issues are being worked on throughout the state. As we work toward these goals, please know that every county and Tribe in Wisconsin will still receive CCR&R services. As processes and procedure are finalized/approved, we will continue to keep all partners, colleagues, and stakeholders informed of our progress.

Child Care Resource and Referral of Central Wisconsin, Inc. was chosen as the lead agency or “hub” for our geographic region in the central part of the state. Our agency will work together with the two other CCR&R’s in our region, Child Care Connection, Inc. in Merrill and Mid-Wisconsin Child Care Resource and Referral, Inc. in Stevens Point to provide services to families, providers and employers in the communities in a 10-county region that includes: Adams, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marquette, Portage, Taylor, Waushara, and Wood counties. As the lead agency, CCR&RCW will begin processing referrals in 2010 for the entire region out of our office in Wisconsin Rapids. We will then work with our partner sites in Stevens Point and Merrill to provide the best local services for child care programs and communities.

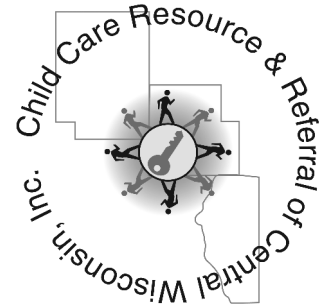
## WISCONSIN MODEL EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS CLASS

A WMELS course will be offered at MSTC in Wisconsin Rapids on Tuesday mornings beginning September 15th. Center staff and family child care providers have an opportunity to attend for free! Registration information including a scholarship application is included in our newsletter this month.

## LEADING THE WAY CONFERENCE

September 26, 2009

The 7th Annual “Leading the Way” Early Care and Education Professionals Conference will be held at UW-SP in Stevens Point from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM on September 26, 2009 in the Collins and CPS buildings. Proposed presentations include: Conflict Resolution Styles, Infant Mental Health, First Signs for Babies, News and Updates from Child Care Licensing, Making Math and Science Come Alive in Your Classroom, Choose This, Not That: Creating Food Smart Kids, What is the State Doing Now?, Between You and Me, Child Care Tool Kit and more. A great group of presenters from State and local agencies will be part of this informative event. Please mark your calendar now and plan to receive registration materials soon.



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Vision  
⇒ For all Central Wisconsin children to benefit from the best child care possible.

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



### STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

PRESENTED BY: UW-EXTENSION AND MARSHFIELD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

This program is for both parents and youth between the ages of 10 and 14 and will: help parents build on their strengths in showing love and setting limits, help youth develop skills in handling peer pressure and building a positive future, strengthen family communication, and help families grow together. A light supper will be provided and free child care will be available for younger children. Classes will be held on Wednesdays beginning September 28th from 6-8:30 PM at Grant Elementary, Marshfield. To register, contact FRC at 715.387.2326.

### FUN IDEAS FROM FAMILY FUN.COM

<http://familyfun.go.com/>



#### STICK ART

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** nature objects, clear Con-Tact paper, tape, scissors, hole punch, ribbon

To make a winsome window decoration, take up a collection of natural beauties—leaves, grass, flower petals, and ferns work well—and help your child arrange them on the sticky side of a piece of clear Con-Tact paper. (You may want to tape down the corners of the Con-Tact paper to keep it from moving). When your child is done, place a second piece of Con-Tact paper sticky side down on top of the objects and press to seal it. Trim the edges (Family Fun sample is shown cut into a circle), punch a hole in the top and add a ribbon to hang.



#### TINY BUBBLES

**MATERIALS NEEDED:** drinking straws, tape, bubble solution



1. Instead of a traditional bubble wand, use a number of drinking straws bound together with a few pieces of tape.
2. Dip one end of the bundle of straws into a shallow dish of bubble solution, then blow through the straws, being careful not to let the solution run down the straws to your mouth.
3. The cluster of straws will produce scores of diminutive bubbles.

#### Quick Tips:

- Whenever using straws with small children who may not understand the concept of “blowing out” and not “sucking in”, just cut a small slit into the side of the straw. This will prevent anything from traveling up the straw but will not impede the flow of bubbles out the end.
- You can make your own bubble solution with 1 C water, 1/3 C dishwashing liquid and 2 T light corn syrup or glycerin.

### L O C A L A D V O C A T E

#### Adams County

- Adams County Early Childhood Education Council– Kelly Allen (608.339.2868)

#### Clark County

- Contact CCR&R if interested in developing an advocate group (800.628.8534)

#### Wood County

- Marshfield Area Child Care Association– Krisann Mauritz (715.387.2218)
- Wisconsin Rapids Child Care Advocates Council– Kitty Gross (715.421.1092)

### G R O U P S

Childhood is the most beautiful of all life's seasons.

~Unknown





**SMART BEGINNINGS TRAINING**

A child’s future begins during the earliest stages of development. Those who care for young children have a great opportunity to affect the brain development of the children in their care. Early life experiences have a large impact on the growth and development of a child! Information about the “Smart Beginnings” program will be shared on Monday, October 26th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Courthouse in Wisconsin Rapids. More info to follow—please plan to join us!

**GROW IN QUALITY UPDATE**

Our last newsletter described the “Grow in Quality” project that is administered by SFTA and funded by DCF to measure and improve quality as based on established criteria and at that time we shared some of the programs participating in this project.

We would also like to congratulate the following participants:

- ABC Child Care Center I and II, Marshfield
- Appletree Preschool and Child Care Center, Loyal
- Connie’s Cids Day Care and Preschool, Neillsville
- Tiny Tots Child Care Center, Stanley



**GROW IN QUALITY**

**FALL CARING HANDS TRAINING EVENTS**

- Music Therapy at St. Joseph’s Hospital Streitel Center in Marshfield on September 8th
- Music Therapy at McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids on October 6th
- Sensory Triggers and Behavioral Techniques at McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids on November 3rd

**Music Therapy** sessions will be the same in both Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids and will focus on the use of this type of therapy to assist with rehabilitative, adaptive and developmental goal areas using musical elements such as rhythm, melody and harmony. Specific music therapy treatment techniques are chosen based on clinical and scientific evidence.

**Sensory Triggers and Behavioral Techniques** session will focus on sensory integration, behavior triggers and tips and techniques for managing behaviors; not necessarily specific to autism, but inclusive of. The presentation will include strategies, interventions and concrete examples as well as resources accessible by providers, parents, and caregivers.

All Caring Hands training participants will receive a free children’s book and be eligible for door prizes!

**GRANT OPPORTUNITY: TERRI LYNNE LOKOFF CHILD CARE FOUNDATION**

Do you have a great idea for a program or project that will enhance your early education classroom? Can you complete your initiative for \$500 or less? If your answer is yes, the Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation has an opportunity for you. In participation with TYLENOL®, the foundation is now accepting applications for their 2010 National Child Care Teacher Awards™. The awards recognize the dedication and ingenuity of child care professionals who wish to improve children’s earliest experiences. Recipients will receive between \$500 and \$1000 for their own use, and \$500 for their proposed program or project.

Applications must be completed and postmarked by **December 4, 2009**. To learn more, visit: [tlccf.org](http://tlccf.org)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DIRECTORS AND TEACHERS WITH A DPI LICENSE**

Students who graduated from college in education after August 31, 2004 need to write a PDP (Professional Development Plan) to keep their teaching license. Those teachers who started teaching in 2005 will need to have their PDP ready for verification by January 15, 2010. Information can be obtained by visiting: <http://dpi.wi.gov/cesa.html> or contacting the Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) in your area.

 **AUGUST IS:**

- National Toddler Month
- Family Fun Month

*National Smile Week begins August 10th!*

**SEPTEMBER IS:**

- National Baby Safety Month
- Kid’s Good Manners Month

*Grandparent’s Day is September 13th!*





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## THE ROLE OF PROFESSIONAL CHILD CARE PROVIDERS IN PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Each day, the safety and well-being of some children across the Nation are threatened by child abuse and neglect. Intervening effectively in the lives of these children and their families is not the responsibility of any single agency or professional group, but rather is a shared community concern and responsibility. The Child Abuse and Neglect User Manual Series has provided guidance on child protection to hundreds of thousand of multidisciplinary professionals and concerned community members since the late 1970's. The User Manual Series provides a foundation for understanding child maltreatment and the roles and responsibilities of various practitioners in its prevention, identification, investigation, assessment, and treatment. Through the years, the manuals have served as valuable resources for building knowledge, promoting effective practices, and enhancing community collaboration.

Since the last update of the User Manual Series in the early 1990's, a number of changes have occurred that dramatically affect each community's response to child maltreatment. The changing landscape reflects increased recognition of the complexity of issues facing parents and their children, new legislation, practice innovations, and system reform efforts, as well as increased knowledge of the importance of prevention and early intervention of maltreatment, especially in early brain development and attachment. Significant advances in research have helped shape new directions for interventions, while ongoing evaluations helps to explain "what works."

The Office on Child Abuse and Neglect within the Children's Bureau of the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has developed a third edition of the User Manual Series to reflect increased knowledge and the evolving state of practice. The updated and new manuals are comprehensive in scope while succinct in presentation and easy to follow, and they address trends and concerns relevant to today's professional.

The manual is available free of charge through the Child Welfare Information Gateway at: <http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanuals/childcare/> The manual provides information on the roles and responsibilities of child care providers in preventing, recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect within and outside early childhood programs.

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