

“The Resource”

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



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December 2009-January 2010

MEMO

To: Community Partners of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies
From: Kelly Borchardt, Micki Krueger, and Lois Sliter
Re: Updates on the Reorganization of CCR&R Services in Central Wisconsin

In an effort to maintain high quality Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) services across Wisconsin, CCR&R agencies and Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA) are moving to a regional model that will create strong collaborations between CCR&R's, within eight geographic regions.

As a result of these changes, Mid-Wisconsin Child Care Resource and Referral, located in Stevens Point and serving Marquette, Portage, and Waushara Counties, will be closing their doors on 12/31/09. We commend Lois, the CCR&R staff, and the Board of MWCCR&R for the truly compassionate services they have provided over the past 16 years!

Child Care Resource and Referral of Central Wisconsin, Inc. (CCR&RCW), located in WI Rapids, was chosen as the lead agency or “hub” for our geographic region in the central part of the state. CCR&RCW and Child Care Connection, Inc. (CCC), in Merrill, will work together to provide services to families, providers and 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. CCC in Merrill will continue to provide local services to child care programs and communities in Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon and Taylor Counties, and CCR&RCW in WI Rapids, will provide the same services in Adams, Clark, Marquette, Portage, Waushara, and Wood Counties.

In an effort to provide a smooth transition for families, child care programs and others, our three agencies will continue to work together closely through 2009. Please anticipate additional correspondence with details and contact information for all of the services that will be offered in our region.

If you have questions, feel free to contact:

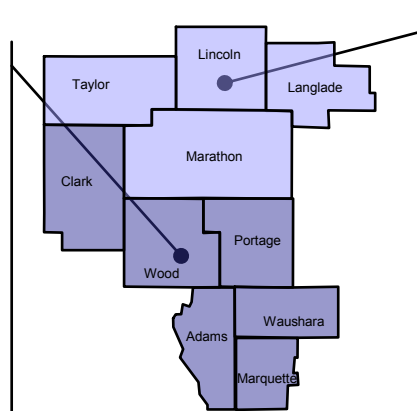
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Lois Sliter, Executive Director, Mid-Wisconsin CCR&R, 1-866-472-4453 or lois@charterinternet.com

Your Regional CCR&R Service Delivery Area:

CCR&RCW: providing child care referrals to families in the entire region, and assistance and support to child care providers and communities in Adams, Clark, Marquette, Portage, Waushara, and Wood Counties



CCC: providing assistance and support to child care providers and communities in Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, and Taylor Counties



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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.



BUTTON FUN FROM FAMILYFUN.COM

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THREE FUN THINGS TO DO WITH BUTTONS:

1. Mark a page

Bookworms of all stripes will love these bright place markers. They make sweet stocking stuffers -- and they're fun and easy for kids to create. Simply cut lengths of ribbon (ours are 12 to 14 inches long, to fit a standard-size hardcover book), then attach buttons to the ends using tacky glue or a glue gun. Shown here are just a few of the decorating options: sandwiching the ribbon's ends between two buttons; stacking smaller atop larger buttons; and grouping several small buttons in a pattern.



2. Tiddle a wink

Our Button Skee-Ball game is an update of tiddlywinks. To make the target, use 2-inch-wide poster board rings 28, 21, 17, and 8 inches long, secured at the seams with double-sided tape. Attach printed point values (or simply write them on) and assemble the rings as shown, securing them with more double-sided tape. Cut out a felt launch pad. Players take turns using a large button to flip 10 small buttons toward the target. The player with the highest total score wins.



3. Jazz up a window

A button mosaic becomes a cheery sun catcher when it's sandwiched between layers of clear Con-Tact paper. To make one, cut out a square of Con-Tact paper, remove its backing, and lay it sticky-side up. (If you like, slide a drawing beneath the square as a guide.) Place buttons on the square to create a shape, leaving at least a 1-inch border on all sides. When you're done, cover the mosaic with a second Con-Tact paper square. Smooth the edges with a cotton swab and cut out the mosaic, leaving a 1-inch border on all sides. Stick your creation to a window with glue dots or tape.



DECEMBER IS:

- Stress-Free Family Holiday Month
- Safe Toy and Gift Month
- Universal Human Rights Month



JANUARY IS:

- Blood Donor Month
- National Book Month
- National Eye Care Month



L O C A L A D V O C A T E G R O U P S

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)

The thing always happens that you really believe in; and the belief in a thing makes it happen.
~Frank Lloyd Wright





WEE RECYCLERS EARLY CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Wee Recyclers Early Childhood Environmental Education Program helps to teach children to become Wee Recyclers. Materials are designed for use with 3 to 5-year-olds in early child care settings, however, most activities can be modified for use with other age groups.

The activities in the Wee Recyclers Activity Guide are simple, entertaining, hands-on and require minimal preparation time. They contain teacher background information, easy to follow directions and suggestions for additional related activities. In addition to the teacher directed activities, this guide includes: Wee Crafts, stories and plays, songs, games, take-home recycling ideas, a complete glossary, and a list of resources.

The entire program is available for download at <http://www.dnr.wi.gov/eek/teacher/weerecyclers.htm>. The printed activity guide will be ready for distribution by November 1. To order printed copies of the Wee Recyclers Activity Guide, please contact Elisabeth Olson at 608.264.9258.

SAVE THE DATE! MACCA CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 6, 2010

The Marshfield Area Child Care Administrator’s Conference will be held at Clearwaters in Marshfield on February 6, 2010. A variety of topics will be covered. Watch for additional information and registration materials early next year!

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) administers the federally funded Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Public Benefits Energy Assistance Program. LIHEAP and its related services help over 100,000 Wisconsin households annually. In addition to regular heating and electric assistance, specialized services include: emergency fuel assistance, counseling for energy conservation and energy budgets, pro-active co-payment plans, targeted outreach services, and emergency furnace repair and replacement. For more information on WHEAP call 1.866.HEATWIS (432.8947).

CHILD CARE CENTER FOR SALE

Child Care Center/Home for sale in Wisconsin Rapids; 3 BR, 3 BA, lower-level contains bathroom, office, outside entrance. 3,200 square feet with attached garage and fenced-in playground. Duplex next door also available; one side child care center, other rental property. Can be purchased separately or together, call 715.424.1819 for more info.

CCR&RCW HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

CCR&RCW will be closed for the holidays on December 24, 25, 31, 2009 and January 1, 2010. With only three people on staff, it is always a good idea to call before dropping by to be sure that someone will be in the office to assist you.

TRAINING EVENTS PLANNED FOR CLARK COUNTY

CCR&RCW is working with CESA 10 and the UW-Extension in Clark County to offer Q-Net trainings in early 2010. Proposed topics include: Using a Routines Based Support Guide To Problem Solve and Develop Solutions, and How to Build Positive Peer Interaction. Watch for details!

WISCONSIN RAPIDS CHILD CARE ADVOCATES COUNCIL TRAINING PLANNED

Teaching the 3 C’s: Creativity, Curiosity and Courtesy through Science —These are the basis for further learning and the windows to a bright, imaginative, and successful future! This training will focus on how to integrate these 3 C’s into your science curriculum. Learn how to bring out the natural scientist in all your children as they use their imaginations, explore, and work together to solve problems. Go home with dozens of activity ideas and learn the factors needed in your science curriculum to turn it from a one-answer experiment to an explosion of ideas and discoveries!

Teaching the 3 C’s: Creativity, Curiosity and Courtesy through Science will be offered on Saturday, February 27 from 9 AM to 12 PM at the WRPS District office, 510 Peach Street. Before we teach them the 3R’s, we need to instill in our children a love of learning, problem solving techniques and positive social skills. Watch future newsletters for additional information and details on the cost of this workshop.



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CHILD FIND

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Child Find is a component of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires states to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged birth to 21, who are in need of early intervention or special education services. This Child Find web site is mainly focused on Part C of the IDEA, the Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities. However, much of the information and many of the links listed on the Child Find web site can be useful in conducting child find for all young children, not just child find for infants and toddlers.

Child Find is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening and evaluation designed to locate, identify, and refer as early as possible all young children with disabilities and their families who are in need of Early Intervention Program (Part C) or Preschool Special Education (Part B/619) services of IDEA.

A comprehensive Child Find system includes at least seven major elements: Definition of Target Population, Public Awareness, Referral and Intake, Screening and Identification of Young Children who May be Eligible for IDEA services, Eligibility Determination, Tracking, and Interagency Coordination.

School districts are mandated to locate, identify and evaluate children with disabilities within their attendance area. To assist in the this child find process, districts have developed "informed referral networks" consisting of physicians, birth to three programs, Head Start programs, child care programs, parents, public health, social services, and others in the community that come in contact with young children. This community network refers children who may have exceptional educational needs (EENs). With the development of informed referral networks, districts are moving away from the traditional "kindergarten screening" to a more collaborative approach of screening that focus on an informal and proactive approach of developmental review.

For more information about Child Find, please contact the Pupil Services Department of your local public school or visit the website indicated above.

Above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it. ~Roald Dahl, children's author

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