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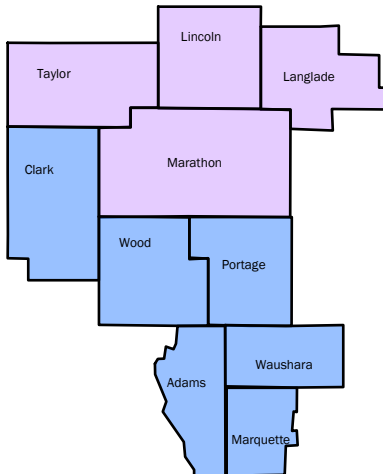
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MEMO

To: Community Partners of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies
From: Child Care Resource and Referral of Central Wisconsin, Inc. (CCR&RCW) and
Child Care Connection, Inc. (CCC)
Date: January 2010
Re: Final Update on the Reorganization of CCR&R Services in Central Wisconsin

The New Year is here and we're excited to share information about our new partnership to provide CCR&R services in Central Wisconsin!

CCR&RCW and CCC 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 be processing referrals 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. CCR&RCW will provide the same services in Adams, Clark, Marquette, Portage, Waushara, and Wood Counties.

In an effort to develop a closer working relationship, we will begin using a new telephone system that allows us to promote a single toll-free number and easily transfer calls between our two agencies: 1.800.628.8534

Please refer to the enclosed regional brochure for specific service information. This brochure will also be available on our agency websites for sharing electronically or producing copies for distribution. If you are in need of multiple copies, contact CCR&RCW.

If you have questions, feel free to contact:

- Kelly Borchardt, Executive Director, CCR&R of Central Wisconsin, 715.423.4114 or 1.800.628.8534 or crrcw@tznnet.com
- Micki Krueger, Executive Director, Child Care Connection, 715.539.9779 or 1.800.848.5229 or childcareconnection@g2a.net

We sincerely look forward to working with you to meet the needs of children and families in Central Wisconsin!

Your Regional CCR&R Service Delivery

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

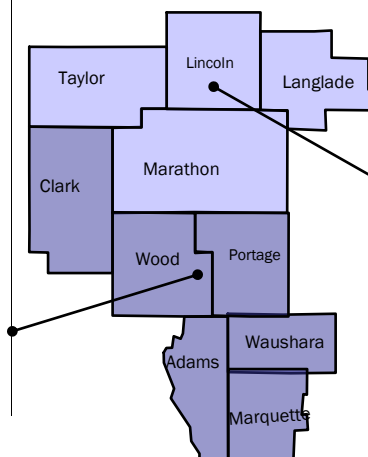
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NEW LOOK

As you may have noticed there is a new look to the newsletter you receive from your child care resource and referral agency. CCR&RCW and Child Care Connection will now be offering a quarterly newsletter to child care providers and community stakeholders. Issues will be sent out at the beginning of January, April, July, and October. It will also be available on each CCR&R's website. This newsletter will offer information throughout our 10 county region. Because this newsletter is now being sent out quarterly, there may be information received in between issues that would be good for you to know. By providing your email address to us, we are able to send that information out to you! Also, if you'd rather receive this newsletter by email, let us know—contact CCC at childcareconnection@g2a.net.

FYI... Licensed Child Care Facilities & Day Camps

Effective February 1st, 2010 there will be changes to how often background checks will be done.

Licensed Provider: Every 3 months (4 times a year)*

Adult Household Members: At least once per year*

Center Employees: At least once per year

**(Licensees will be notified when to submit a background check fee)*

If you have any questions about the changes to the caregiver background check law, please contact your

licensing specialist or visit

http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/memos/BRL/2009/2009_06.pdf

B.I.F.s

(Business Information Forms)

ARE COMING SOON!

Watch your mail for more information.

The Quality Improvement System—The Beginning Stages

For the past few months, talk of a child care quality rating system has been found in local newspapers throughout Wisconsin. While there is still no official information released about the future system, the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families has released an informational brief which covers the basic concepts upon which the Wisconsin rating system may be built.

Quality rating systems have been applied in over 20 states throughout the United States. These rating systems allow child care programs to be assessed and ranked based upon their level of quality and will also provide incentives and supports to help child care programs reach higher levels of quality. Not only do these systems focus on providers, but they also allow parents to more easily understand the concept of a high quality child care setting for their children.

Typically, quality rating systems include five key elements:

- * Quality standards which are based on research about what is most effective in preparing children for school
- * Accountability as a means of assessment and monitoring
- * Outreach and support for providers in the form of technical assistance and training
- * Financial incentives for providers, which will be linked to quality standards
- * Parent education which will explain the system to parents

Although quality rating systems can be intimidating to providers, there are many reasons why the need for them is great. The future achievement of children in K-12 education is built on positive and successful early learning backgrounds. Similarly, families can make more informed choices about quality care for their children once the rating system is in place. These systems can also be great tools used to invigorate child care providers to improve their own programming and can often provide resources to make program improvement more likely. Finally, a rating system allows communities and state governments to gauge the effectiveness of child care programs in enhancing child development and early learning.

But what does this mean for Wisconsin? Depending on how it is developed, the system may eventually be tied to the Wisconsin Shares reimbursement rates. This essentially means, the higher your level on the rating system, the higher the rate at which you will be reimbursed by Wisconsin Shares. In other states, the system often includes 3-5 levels of quality that go from a basic level of health, safety and developmental standards being met to higher levels of quality. Staff training and education along with the overall learning environment will likely be factors used when determining each child care provider's level on the rating scale.

-Information in this article can be found at www.wccf.org

PROVIDER TRAINING

American Red Cross Classes

(All classes are held from 6:00 - 10:00 PM, unless noted otherwise)

First Aid & Safety (Adult, Child & Infant CPR w/ Adult AED, & First Aid)	Recertification (Adult, Child & Infant CPR w/ Adult AED)
January 5th & 7th - WI Rapids	January 4th - Marshfield
January 11th & 13th - Marshfield	January 12th - Stevens Point
January 30th - Stevens Point (8am-4pm)	January 27th - WI Rapids
February 6th - WI Rapids (8am-4pm)	February 1st - Marshfield
February 9th & 11th - Marshfield	February 18th - Stevens Point
February 22nd & 24th - Stevens Point	February 25th - WI Rapids
March 1st & 3rd - WI Rapids	March 2nd - Marshfield
March 6th - Marshfield (8am-4pm)	March 18th - Stevens Point
March 23rd & 25th - Stevens Point	March 22nd - WI Rapids
For more information, contact the appropriate agency: Marshfield: 715.387.0235 - WI Rapids: 715.423.7360 - Stevens Point: 715.344.4052	

Teaching the 3 C's:

Creativity, Curiosity and Courtesy
through Science
Activities that build a Foundation for Success

Cost: \$5.00 (payable to CCAC)

Saturday, February 27th
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thomas A. Lenk Education Services Center
Conference RM A/B, WI Rapids

RSVP by Feb 19th to:

Ann at Ann.Killian@wrps.org or 422.6047 or
Beth after 5:00pm at 423.5312 or
Caroline at tchertcher@wctc.net

Sponsored by Child Care Advocates Council,
Wood County Head Start and WI Rapids Public Schools

WI Rapids Child Care Advocates Council

COOKING AROUND THE YEAR

Saturday, January 16th, 2010 ~ 9:00am - 12:00pm

At Country Tots, 4930 Kellner Rd, WI Rapids

Cost: \$10 CCAC members, \$15 non-members

To register, contact Caroline at
tchertcher@wctc.net or Beth at 715.423.5312

MACCA CONFERENCE (Marshfield Area Child Care Association)

*Come learn about School Age Art, Outdoor Curriculum, Juggling, Teambuilding,
Hands on Science, Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention and more.*

February 6th, 2010 ~ 8:00am - 1:00pm

Clearwaters Convention Center, Marshfield, WI

\$15 - MACCA members: \$25- Non members

For more information contact: Krisann Mauritz at 715.387.2218

5 hrs of
Cont. Ed.

Preschool Credential Capstone Accelerated Course

Through Mid-State Technical College

Classes start on January 28 and end May 6

(Meets 2-3 times a month in RM E-118)

For more information contact Pat Markuson at 715.423.9298

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

Contact 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

Wisconsin Child Care Administrators Association Region 5 Meeting

Come find out what CCR&R changes are happening in the area!

Thursday, January 14, 2010 ~ 11:00 AM

Grazies Restaurant, Stevens Point

**Each person is responsible for the cost of their own meal*

To register, please contact CCR&RCW at 800.628.8534

Making Sound Judgments in Difficult Situations Without Being Judgmental

Presented by Lilly Irvin-Vitela, Ex. Director of SFTA

Thursday, January 14, 2010 ~ 6:30-8:30 PM

Canaland Christian Academy of Early Learning, Stevens Point

To register, please contact CCR&RCW at 800.628.8534

Mid-State Technical College offers...

Heartsaver CPR/AED Adult, Child & Infant

Saturday March 6th 9:00am - 3:00pm

WI Rapids Campus Rm E105

For more information, please contact Tammy Kruger at 715.422.5608

PROVIDER TRAINING

Heartsaver CPR Training w/ AED

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

Location: YWCA, 613 5th St. Wausau

Monday, February 22nd, 6:00-9:30pm

Location: CCC, 407 W Main St, Merrill

Monday, March 29th, 6:00-9:30pm

Location: YWCA, 613 5th St. Wausau

Cost: \$45 per person (includes workbook)

Each program is required to purchase one Heartsaver CPR/AED workbook. You will be asked to complete the Review Questions, found in the book, prior to class.

Group Centers that have 8 staff needing training, contact CCC—the instructor may be able to come to your center.

**Register—(deadline is one week before each class)
call CCC at 715-539-9779.**

Early Childhood Sign Language for Young, Hearing Children

Come and learn a minimum of 150 American Sign Language signs.
Participants will learn strategies to incorporate signs into the daily care of children.

Friday, March 26th, 2010 9:00 am —3:00 pm

CESA #9, Tomahawk

\$25 per person, includes lunch & material

To register, contact Stephanie St. Germain at 715.682.2363 Ext 141 or register online by March 5th at <http://www.cesa9.k12.wi.us/registration>

Save the Date!

2010 Early Childhood Education Conference

April 23rd & 24th

University of WI—Stout

If you have any questions, call 715.232.2793



NTC—Workforce Learning Solutions & CCC bring you...

Boys will be Boys - How to support a “boy-friendly” classroom

Saturday, March 20, 2010 ~ 8:00am - 4:30pm

Northcentral Technical College, Wausau

For more information contact Cathy at 715.803.1861 or visit www.ntc.edu/wls/register

SAVE THE DATE

WMELS (Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards)

February 25-26, 2010

Bliss Education Building, Stevens Point

Cost: \$50 (includes breakfasts, lunches and materials)

For more information call (608) 742-8811

WCCAA 2010 Annual Conference

(Wisconsin Child Care Administrators Association)

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

February 24-26

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Green Bay

For more information visit www.wccaa.org

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 every-other month; location and topics vary. Call Ann Sheahan at 715-302-2240 for details.

Taylor County: 3rd Monday of month - For more information, call Kelly Emmerich at 715-748-6192.



Northcentral Technical College Early Childhood Continuing Education Opportunities

Shaken Baby Syndrome	Jan 19	6:30-8:00 PM	\$10
ECE Book Club: Conscious Discipline	Jan 28	6:30-8:30 PM	\$15
Autism Defined (Wausau Campus Only)	Feb 3	6:30-8:30 PM	\$15
Raptor Education (Antigo Campus Only)	Feb 6	9:00-11:00 AM	\$15
Commonly Pursued Methods of Treatment for Autism (Wausau Campus Only)	Feb 10	6:30-8:30 PM	\$15
Shaken Baby Syndrome	Feb 13	9:00-10:30 AM	\$10
SIDS, Child Abuse & Neglect	Feb 16	6:30-9:30 PM	\$19
I Think my Child has Autism: Now What? (Wausau Campus Only)	Feb 17	6:30-8:30 PM	\$15
Kids and Holidays	Feb 25	6:30-8:30 PM	\$15
Autism Defined (Medford Campus Only)	Mar 1	6:30-8:30 PM	\$15
Commonly Pursued Methods of Treatment for Autism (Medford Campus Only)	Mar 8	6:30-8:30 PM	\$15
I Think my Child has Autism: Now What? (Medford Campus Only)	Mar 15	6:30-8:30 PM	\$15
Shaken Baby Syndrome	Mar 16	6:30-8:00 PM	\$10
ECE Book Club: NAEYC— Developmentally Appropriate Play	Mar 25	6:30-8:30 PM	\$15

Visit NTC's website for information about Spring 2010 ECE Courses!

(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

January is...

National Soup Month
Oatmeal Month
Bath Safety Month

MITTEN SEARCH



Buy a set of mittens for each child. Hide one mitten of each set. Give a mitten to each child. Have children hunt for their matching mitten.

Books Books Books

A Little Bit of Winter
by Paul Stewart

Roses are Pink, Your Feet
Really Stink -
by Diane DeGroat

Animals In The Winter
By Henrietta Bancroft, PB

Mr. Cookie Baker,
Monica Wellington, HC

PRETTY SNOWFLAKES

Tune: "London Bridges"

Pretty snowflakes falling down,
Falling down, falling down.
Pretty snowflakes falling down
All through the town.
Pretty snowflakes, on the street,
On the grass, on my feet.
Pretty snowflakes falling down
All through the town.



DROP THE HEART

Have the children sit in a circle and hold their hands behind their backs. Choose one child to start and give that child a small heart shape. Have the child walk around the outside of the circle and drop the heart into someone's hands. That child then chases the first child around the circle, trying to catch the first child before he or she get back to the empty space.

February is...

National Children's Dental Health Month
Responsible Pet Owner's Month
Grapefruit Month

Stuffed Heart

White paper, scissors, stapler, red, white, or pink paint, cotton balls or shredded newspaper, string

Cut out two large heart shapes. Have the children paint or finger-paint onto the two hearts. Let dry. Staple the two hearts together, leaving the top open. Stuff cotton balls or newspaper into heart until full. Staple the rest of the heart so its closed. Add string and hang!

Rainbow Handprint

Need: Rainbow colored construction paper, scissors, glue



To Do: Have the children trace and cut out their hand on each of the colored pieces of paper. Glue the handprints together to form a rainbow.



SNOWY WINDOWS

Add a little winter to your windows! Let the children paint a window scene with some special crystal paint.

Mix ½ cup water with
½ cup Epsom salt

When the mixture dries it will form crystals on the surface simulating snow/frost.

March is...

National Craft Month
National Nutrition Month
Youth Art Month

Ice Cream Snowballs

Use an ice cream scoop to make ice cream balls from vanilla ice cream. Roll the balls in shredded coconut and place them on a piece of waxed paper in a flat dish. Freeze the snowballs several hours

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

Opening Doors to Learning through Early Intervention: (information submitted by Marshfield School District)

If your child is 3 years old you should be proud if they are:

- **speaking in short sentences
- **asking "what" and "why" questions
- **matching colors and sizes

You can help your child be successful by:

- **reading longer stories to them
- **giving them choices
- **using simple household tasks for learning

If your child is 4 years old you should be proud if they are:

- **stating their name, age, gender
- **sorting objects such as things we eat, ride in or wear
- **copying a circle and cross (+)

You can help your child be successful by:

- **reading lots of books
- **encouraging us to be a helper
- **promoting play with others

If your child is not able to do some of these tasks, please contact your local school district to request a screening.

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