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Our Mission

To enhance and support a quality early childhood education system by providing resource and referral services to families, child care programs, and communities.

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The Resource Connection

The 2017 Stakeholder Survey Results Are In ...

Counties with the highest survey participation were Marathon, Portage, Taylor, and Wood (south). More than 96% of the surveys agreed and strongly agreed, that Childcaring staff are knowledgeable, answered your questions, are professional, and are involved in community collaborations. You connect with us mostly by email, phone, and in person. Please, also consider checking out our website (www.childcaring.org) and LIKE our Childcaring Facebook page!

One Stakeholder said, "The services provided by Childcaring are integral to developing and maintaining quality child care in our community."

Your greatest concerns about early care and education in your communities are the cost of child care, child care staff shortage, infant care, night and weekend shift availability. If new funding sources existed, child care providers would appreciate increased professional training opportunities, support groups, and increased advocacy. Also mentioned in the comments were more programs to help families pay for child care (like Good Start Grants, expanding to other counties). The top 3 difficulties or trends that child care providers have encountered in the early care and education field were adequate staff wages/provider income, high staff turnover, and availability of staff benefits.

Most Valuable Childcaring Services <small>(2017 Stakeholder Survey)</small>	Professional Development & Training
Local YoungStar Services	Technical Assistance
Child Care Referral Search	Providing Quality Child Care Information

Thank you to all of you that took the time to provide feedback! We received a 26% return rate from community members and 29% return rate from child care providers. Based on your feedback, recommendations, and overall comments, Childcaring board members and staff will continue to work on increasing awareness of our agency and services, provide quality opportunities for learning, and advocate for all children to benefit from the best child care possible.

98% Would Refer Childcaring Services

YOUNGSTAR CORNER

After more than a year of research and development, DCF is excited to announce that the YoungStar program is making three important changes to its rating criteria in 2019-2020. All of these changes were based on research findings, stakeholder input (including child care providers), and DCF's current resources.

1. YoungStar will have a new 3 Star educational threshold for Lead Teachers/Group Leaders and Family Child Care providers.
2. YoungStar will require programs to show that they have developmentally appropriate materials, interactions, and learning centers to reach 3, 4, or 5 Stars.
3. YoungStar will simplify the requirements for Family Engagement, and reduce the number of pages in the criteria overall.

DCF has been working hard to develop resources that will support programs during this transition and are happy to unveil a new webpage full of information and resources about the 2019-2020 YoungStar criteria requirements. (<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/ysupdates>)

If you lose the above link, rest assured that you can always browse to the page using the left hand navigation marked, "YoungStar 2019-20 Updates" within the YoungStar Providers webpage. We urge you to continue checking back as additional resources will be posted, including Spanish translations and a ratings guidance document.

Further supports to programs will be available through face-to-face and online trainings (in development), T.E.A.C.H. scholarships, Technical Consultation, environment kits for 2 or 3 Star programs, and micro-grants.

CERTIFIED Family Child Care Providers!

A Memo was sent from the Bureau of Early Care Regulation on Feb. 28, 2018, explaining new training requirements.

For providers Regularly certified (prior to 4/1/18), you will need to complete CPR training before 10/1/18. If you are Provisionally Certified (prior to 4/1/18), you'll need to complete Introduction to the Child Care Profession (Module A), Fundamentals of Family Child Care and infant/child CPR training by 10/1/18. These requirements also apply to your employees, volunteers, and substitutes who are involved in the care and supervision of children.

In addition to the training mentioned above, s. 48.651, Stats. requires all certified child care operators and other child care providers working in the certified setting to complete continuing education annually. Regular certified operators, including employees/volunteers, and a substitute who has worked at least 240 hours in the family child care setting, shall complete a minimum of 10 hours of continuing education annually.

For all of the details, or if certified after 4/1/18, please refer to BECR Memo 2018-01 and contact your local Child Care Certification Worker with questions:
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/ccregulation/cccertification/certifiers.pdf>

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Provider Support / Advocate Groups

Adams, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marquette & Waushara County:

Contact Childcaring 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 715.346.4370

Taylor County: Meet the 3rd Monday of month
For more information, call Kelly Emmerich at 715.465.0993

Wood County:

Marshfield Area Child Care Association
Krisann Mauritz at 715.387.2218

Wisconsin Rapids Child Care Advocates Council
Jamie Lane 715.323.2546

CHOOSING THE CHILD CARE PROFESSION

FREE INFORMATION SESSIONS TO ASSIST WITH START-UP

Selecting curriculum, marketing, insurance, and money management are just a few of the many important responsibilities child care professionals are tasked with balancing in their careers. As a business owner, child care providers are more than a “babysitter.” Regulated child care providers agree to follow certain health and safety standards and undergo background checks and site visits.

There are many things to consider when establishing a child care business. Some examples include:

- What ages of children would I like to care for?
- What kinds of policies and contracts do I need?
- What kind of training do I need?

Childcaring can help answer questions regarding start-up and offer technical assistance to child care providers. Childcaring is providing FREE information sessions about becoming a regulated child care provider. The sessions will include information about the benefits of becoming a regulated provider as well as information about the classes and training needed to get started. Participants are encouraged to bring any questions they may have. Also, by attending one of these sessions, family child care providers may be eligible for a start-up grant.



Wed., May 2nd - Mid-State Technical College – Room 118

(5:30-7:30pm) 1001 Centerpoint Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481

Register by: Wed., April 25

Thurs., August 9th - Wood County Annex & Health Center

(6:00-8:00pm) 1600 N. Chestnut Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449

(Formerly known as Norwood) Register by: Thurs., Aug. 2

Thurs., August 2nd - Aspirus Langlade Hospital

(6:00-8:00pm) 112 E. Fifth Ave., Antigo, WI 54409

(Large Conference Room) Register by: Thurs., July 26



Thurs., Sept. 20th - Wausau Childcaring Office

(6:00-8:00pm) 1500 Merrill Avenue, Suite 201, Wausau, WI 54401

Register by: Thurs., Sept. 13

Every child deserves a great beginning! We know that a child’s earliest experiences affect a child’s brain development and lays the foundation for his/her future success. Providing quality child care involves dedication, education, and a desire to make a difference in the lives of children. If you are interested or know someone who enjoys working with children have them contact Childcaring to learn more about becoming a child care provider.



Celebrate NAEYC’s Week of the Young Child™ April 16–20, 2018

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers and families. <https://www.naeyc.org/woyc>

- Week of the Young Child Paper Doll
1. Cut out doll
 2. Decorate Color Doll
 3. Label doll with child’s first name
 4. Display in Window of local business



Participate in THE PAPERDOLL PROJECT!

Doll makers are needed: Children are the artists!

Children decorate two paper dolls in their own image - one to keep and one to donate for display at a local business. Providers can make a sign identifying their center/program which is displayed with your paper dolls, and the WOYC sign.

You may already have a parent whose child attends your center who works or owns a local business that would like to display your dolls. If you are a bigger center maybe you could split your dolls up by classroom and display them at multiple businesses. The goal is to locally promote young children for the month of April.

For more information on the paperdoll project, contact: Childcaring, Inc. at 715.301.1800 or 1.800.628.8534. To learn more about Week of the Young Child activities visit <http://www.naeyc.org/woyc>

Training Opportunities

Visit our online training calendar for the most up-to-date training opportunities.

Strengthening Families in Early Care and Education

The Strengthening Families initiative is a strength-based approach to preventing child abuse and neglect. A component of this training is aligned with and meets the bi-annual Licensing and YoungStar requirements to complete training in Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Mandated Reporting.

- **Thursday, April 5 (6:00pm-9:00pm)**
Trinity Lutheran Church, Stevens Point
\$20 / Register by Thursday, March 29

Presented in Hmong - Ages & Stages Questionnaire-3

This workshop examines the benefits of childhood developmental screening, research supporting the use of the ASQ-3, how to score the questionnaire, prepare a written summary for parents, share the results with parents, and appropriate follow-up (including the referral process). The ASQ-3 is discussed as a parent-engagement tool and the relationship between the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standard and teaching cycle are also explored.

- **Saturday, April 14 (9:00am-4:00pm)**
United Way of Marathon County
\$30 / Register by Friday, April 6

CPR with AED

Classes are 6:00pm-9:00pm at Childcaring, Inc. Wausau
Cost to Attend: \$45, Book: \$5

- **Monday, April 23**
- **Monday, May 21**

Intentional Environments in Afterschool Care

This training will help providers intentionally set-up a quality environment for school age children. The training includes: Developmentally Appropriate Practice, Program Space, and Set-Up and Activities to keep school age children busy on non-school days or in the summer.

- **Thursday, April 26 (6:00pm-9:00pm)**
South Wood County YMCA, Port Edwards
\$20 / Register by Thursday, April 19

New Training! The Ages and Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional-2

Learn about the parent-or-caregiver completed screening tool that accurately identifies children at risk for social-emotional delay.

- **Tuesday, May 8 (6:00pm-9:00pm)** Central Clark County Community Child Care Center
This program is also supported by the Clark County Health Department and Clark County Birth to Three
\$20 / \$10 reduced cost for Clark County providers only
Register by Tuesday, May 1

Presented in Hmong -

- **Saturday, May 12 (9:00am-12:00pm)**
United Way of Marathon County
\$20 / Register by Friday, May 4



Over 35 child care providers attended Art from the Heart, in Marshfield March 13.

Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention

Training in identification, prevention and the grave effects of SBS.

- **Thursday, May 10 (10:30am-12:00pm)**
Childcaring, Wausau
\$15 / Register by Thursday, May 3

Discovering Science: The Laboratory of Life

Science will be explored through hands on activities. Participants will learn how to incorporate science materials in their learning environment specific to the Environment Rating Scales.

- **Monday, May 14 (5:30pm-8:30pm)**
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Medford
\$20 / \$10 reduced cost for Taylor County providers only
Reduced fee made possible by funding from United Way of Taylor Co.
Register by Monday, May 7



Online - Family Engagement: Partnering with Families for Children's Success

Success This 3 hour course will explore best practices in family engagement, challenges and barriers to connecting with families and will look at concrete strategies to improve your ability to develop relationships with families and increase their engagement.

- **Offered online - June 21-27**
\$20 / Register online by Thursday, June 14
This online course is self-paced for participants to complete within a seven day period.

Mark Your Calendar:

- **Online - Strengthening Families in Early Care and Education (July 12-18)**
- **Art from the Heart - Coming in July to Wautoma and Antigo**
- **Online - The Process of Developing Child Portfolios (August 18-22)**
- **Presented in Hmong ~ The Process of Developing Child Portfolios (August 16-22) - Wausau**



Caring Hands Brings You: Trauma and the Developing Brain

Presented by: Dr. Kristin Iniguez, DO, FAAP
Marshfield Child Advocacy Center, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Inc.

Tuesday, May 15

Streitel Conference Center Marshfield
6:30pm-8:30pm

No Cost to Attend

Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs, are serious childhood traumas that can permanently impact a person's life. The more ACEs a child has, the greater their risk for long-term health problems. These experiences and exposure to toxic stress play an important role in child brain development.

Come learn more about ACEs, how they impact the children and families we care for, and the science behind brain development.

Registration required.

Please contact Childcaring:

715-423-4114 or 800-628-8534 or info@childcaring.org



Through conversations parents build support for each other. Please register before each event by contacting Childcaring at 800-628-8534 or info@childcaring.org

** FREE DINNER & CHILD CARE PROVIDED **

MARQUETTE COUNTY PARENT CAFÉ SESSIONS:

5:00-6:00pm Dinner, 6:00-7:30pm Cafe

Tues., April 3 – **Forest Lane Community School**
222 Forest Lane, Montello, WI 53949

Tues., April 10 – **Westfield Elementary School**
329 Hawk Lane, Westfield, WI 53964

ADAMS COUNTY PARENT CAFÉ SESSIONS:

Adams Friendship Elementary School

5:30-6:00pm Dinner, Café 6:00-7:30pm
Wednesdays: April 18, April 25, & May 2
500 N. Pierce St., Adams, WI 53910

PARENT CAFÉS:



In coordination with Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention month, Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA) and member organizations including Childcaring, plan multiple child abuse and neglect prevention trainings. In 2017, over 1,900 Wisconsin adults were trained in child abuse and neglect prevention. SFTA and member organizations ask donors to contribute a small change amount per each adult trained in child abuse and neglect prevention during the month of April. Every donor will receive a tax receipt, since all donations made to SFTA are 100% tax-deductible.

SFTA strives to build systems and supports that prevent child abuse and neglect and promote quality early childhood experiences for all Wisconsin children. Therefore, Teach-a-Thon funds will be used to:

- Provide technical assistance to community-based organizations committed to young children.
- Support focused advocacy efforts for young children and their families.
- Build a reserve so that children and families in Wisconsin can always count on SFTA.
- Fund innovative, local initiatives that have big impacts for young children.

For more information visit: <https://supportingfamilies.together.org/small-change-makes-a-big-difference/>

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Wear BLUE on April 6, 2018 to show your support.

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment. Show your support by promoting and strengthening child abuse prevention efforts in Wisconsin.

Take a picture of yourself and your colleagues wearing blue and share it on your favorite social media platform using the #pinwheelsforpreventionwi hashtag.



(Pictured: Gayle Schiszik, read at Bright Beginnings Preschool in Plover)

THANK YOU

to Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Michael, Wausau and Bright Beginnings Preschool, Plover for letting Childcaring staff celebrate Dr. Seuss Day Friday, March 2 by reading to the children in your care!



(Pictured: Micki Krueger read at Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Michael, Wausau)

Rewarding Your Accomplishments!

The REWARD Stipend Program provides salary supplements to eligible child care professionals. Individuals must meet all eligibilities to participate. If a person is found to be eligible, a stipend will be awarded along with a 6-month agreement. The stipend amount corresponds to the individual's Registry Level. The stipend agreement is a 6-month contract to continue to meet program eligibilities. Once that agreement ends, the individual can reapply as long as eligibilities continue to be met.

REWARD IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Increase compensation of early childhood professionals
- Reward and retain professionals who have attained education specific to the field
- Encourage continued education
- Reduce turnover
- Improve the quality of care received by Wisconsin children



Find out if you're eligible for a REWARD Stipend. Visit: reward@wisconsinearlychildhood.org or call: 608-240-9880 for more information.

Start with your goal(s), then go searching for your activities:

WMEELS A.EL.3 Approaches to Learning: Exhibits persistence and flexibility Knowing young children learn best through play there is a great checklist that can be found by googling "play checklist Redleaf". It has items that include persistence, role-playing, and flexibility in playing with peers. It would give you next steps to guide children in this goal. I would suggest that you think very intentionally as to what play scenarios children can extend because it is something they know. A post office may sound fun but if they have no experience going to a post office they cannot extend – persist in the play. By taking cars instead they might know you take a car to get gas, a car wash, and an oil change, to go to the store, to park in a garage or parking lot.... Lots of opportunities to persist!



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Submitted by: Beth Tepper, CESA 9

Look for the Childcaring Booth at these Upcoming Events:

Blue Ribbon Kids Day

Sat., April 7 (8:30am - 12:30pm)
Parkside School, Wautoma

Wausau Children's Festival

Sat., April 7 (9:00am - 3:00pm)
East Gate Hall, Marathon Park, Wausau

Marshfield Children's Festival

Sat., April 14 (9:30am - 1:30pm)
Marshfield High School

Merrill Children's Festival

Sat., April 14 (10:00am - 2:00pm)
MARC, Merrill

Marquette County Children's Festival

Sat., April 21 (10:00am-1:00pm)
Montello High School

WI Rapids Children's Festival

Sat., April 21 (10:00am-3:00pm)
Lincoln High School

Adams Co. Children's Festival

Sat., April 28 (10:00am-2:00pm)
Adams Friendship High School

Stand for Children Day

Sat., May 19th
Antigo

Clark County Family Fun Festival

Sat., Sept. 22
Greenwood High School



Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

May 11, 2018

Thank You For All You Do in Shaping the Future of Children!

Book Nooks Available to Check Out

Book Nooks support social and emotional development and each kit includes an activity sheet with ideas about how to use the kit. Ask your YoungStar technical consultant to bring a kit to your next visit or come to the Wisconsin Rapids Childcaring office to pick one up. Child care providers throughout the Childcaring service delivery area are welcome to check out Book Nooks. Take advantage of these FREE resources today!



Healthy Choices

Farm to Early Care and Education

Farm to early care and education (farm to ECE) is a natural extension of farm to school that offers increased access to healthy, local foods, gardening opportunities and food-based activities to enhance the quality of the educational experience in all types of ECE settings (e.g., preschools, child care centers, family child care homes, Head Start/Early Head Start, programs in K-12 school districts). Find more information regarding Farm to ECE here: <https://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/cacfp/farm-2-ece>



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Vision

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

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Childcaring Staff Spotlight

Top 10 Trivia Facts about Susie Sandow

1. Education: Undergraduate from UWSP, Master's Degree from Viterbo (La Crosse).
2. Employment: Technical Consultant/trainer for Childcaring since 2015, 28 years as a public school 4K/5K teacher (26 years in Menomonee Falls, 2 years in Wisconsin Rapids), 3 years as an adjunct for the Early Childhood program at MSTC, supervised student teachers at UWSP.
3. Family: married to Louie for 33 years, my husband works for ERCO Worldwide in Nekoosa since 2012. Daughter Cora (28), son Louie (29). Louie, a graduate from UW La Crosse is a compliance analyst for Great West in Milwaukee. Cora, a graduate from Winona State, is a personal/trainer, strength and conditioning coach and owns her own wellness business in Rockford, MN. Cora has been dating Drew for over 6 years (see photo). My mom lives in Hartford, Wisconsin and my father lives in a nursing home in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. I am blessed that they are still in my life.
4. Recently became a mother-in-law to Alyse as she married Louie on Aug. 5, 2017 (see photo). Alyse is special education teacher at James Madison Elementary School in Sheboygan. The new Mr. and Mrs. Sandow recently purchased their first home in Belgium, Wisconsin.
5. My maternal grandma, Florence Foss, is turning 100 years old on April 19th. (We are having a big party at her nursing home in Green Bay)
6. For fun I like to go fishing, boating, or bike riding.
7. I live on 40 acres and enjoy snowshoeing, deer hunting, campfires, or just walking in our peaceful woods.
8. I enjoy tropical beach vacations, shopping with friends and family, and reading books.
9. My favorite quote is the Serenity Prayer: God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.
10. My hidden talent: I can hoola hoop while singing my ABC's backwards!

