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Nearly 2,000 Wisconsin Adults trained in Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention

Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA), Childcaring, and other Child Care Resource & Referral agencies throughout Wisconsin have brought the April Small Change Makes a BIG Difference Teach-a-Thon to a successful close after training a total of 1,985 Wisconsin adults through 112 trainings across the state, in child abuse and neglect prevention.

WAUSAU – After a month long push in April to train a minimum of 1,800 Wisconsin adults in child abuse and neglect prevention, SFTA and member agencies surpassed our training goals and our expectations for the 2015 Small Change Makes a BIG Difference Teach-a-Thon. “Childcaring, your local resource and referral, offered nine trainings locally and trained 192 adults this year,” stated Gayle Schiszik, Childcaring Training Coordinator / Certifier.

“The number of participants we trained in this year’s Teach-a-Thon is a success for us, and more importantly, for Wisconsin children and families,” said Kelly Borchardt, Executive Director at Childcaring. “It is crucial that adults have the tools, resources, and knowledge to prevent child abuse before it starts, and to recognize and respond to it when it happens. Thanks to the Teach-a-Thon trainings, almost 2,000 more adults across the state have that information.”

The Small Change Makes a BIG Difference Teach-a-Thon is an annual event held during the month of April to coincide with National Child Abuse Prevention month. Trainings within the Teach-a-Thon are targeted to supporting parents, child care providers, and community members in how they can prevent child abuse and neglect. These trainings are emphasized during the Teach-a-Thon, but are held throughout the year. Those interested in attending a child abuse and neglect prevention training in their area can check the [training calendar on the SFTA website](#). Information regarding next year’s Teach-a-Thon will be posted early next year on the SFTA website and social media.

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About Childcaring

Childcaring is your local resource and referral agency dedicated to providing quality child care information, and partnering with parents, care providers, business leaders, and community organizations to make quality care available to Central Wisconsin families in Adams, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marquette, Portage, Taylor, Waushara, and Wood counties. To learn more about Childcaring visit: www.childcaring.org