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Our Mission

To be the key resource of comprehensive child care services that support and enhance the quality of the early care and education system.

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The Resource Connection

Change is Happening At Childcaring

Changes are happening as the Childcaring agency continues to evolve. "Big and small, change is happening and we continue to be excited about the continual progress," stated Kelly Borchardt, Childcaring Executive Director. On February 14 the Childcaring staff met with Dale Arendt from the Arendt Group to start the 2014 strategic planning process.

"There was 100% attendance from both agency offices at our recent staff strategic planning meeting. We all had a chance to talk about the process of change and identify initiatives that we want to target as we continue to work together to serve our ten county service area," Micki Krueger, Assistant Director said. Through the transition, staff has been working hard to identify, update and implement new procedures as needed. As a next step, the Childcaring Board is also meeting with Dale to further develop the Childcaring strategic plan.

A variety of projects are underway. Starting in January, Childcaring introduced a new logo, newsletter format, and Facebook page. New staff email addresses have also been assigned. A new website, agency brochure and Pinterest page is currently being developed. The Childcaring team is also working hard to coordinate a variety of trainings throughout our service area. Updates on the training calendar can be found in the Childcaring newsletter and online at: www.childcaring.org.

Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA), our state child care resource and referral network office, recently published the final quarterly report from 2013. This report is the last time the two offices will report to SFTA as two separate agencies. Data reflected in the



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YOUNGSTAR CORNER

Maintain Your Registry Program Profile

When programs want to earn more than 2 Stars, they need to fill out a Registry Program Profile (www.the-registry.org). Your Program information is transferred to YoungStar every night and is used to automatically determine your program's YoungStar rating and reimbursement from Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program. By signing the YoungStar Contract you agree to keep your Program Profile accurate and up-to-date at all times.

If you want help in creating or updating a Program Profile, contact Bridget Benson at the Child Care Information Center: 1-800-362-7353.

New YoungStar Listserv Available Now

To receive communications and information specific to the YoungStar Quality Rating and Improvement System go to (<http://dcf.wi.gov/ysemail>) and subscribe to the YoungStar Information and updates email subscription listserv.

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report showed that Child Care Resource & Referral of Central Wisconsin (CCR&RCW) processed the third highest referrals in the state among the eight service delivery regions, behind Madison and Milwaukee. In 2013, CCR&RCW served 1,057 families with referral services. Also in 2013, Child Care Connection offered 47 trainings with 745 participants. CCR&RCW offered 49 trainings with 888 participants served.

Streamlining our services, as one organization, strengthens our ability to provide quality services to families, providers and communities. Through all these transitions, we understand the importance of communication. We are making every effort to expand and offer various methods of communication to stay connected. Please feel free to contact the Childcaring Staff with any questions. At Childcaring we are excited about how the changes in our organization will allow staff to learn new skills and exercise our creativity in ways that ultimately benefit our vision -- for all central Wisconsin children to benefit from the best child care possible.

Thank You for Your Donation

On behalf of the Board and Staff, Childcaring would like to thank Wisconsin Rapids Child Care Advocates Council (WRCCAC) for their recent donation. Because our office space in Wisconsin Rapids is now larger, Childcaring is able to work with WRCCAC to accommodate space for meetings and storage of some child care resources. Childcaring will use the donation to purchase materials which focus on social emotional development and concepts from Pyramid Model training. These materials will be available for checkout in our resource library. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



Childcaring Staff

Kelly Borchardt ~ Executive Director

Micki Krueger ~ Assistant Director

Linda Francis ~ Office & Financial Manager

Kristine Manternach ~ Quality Improvement Specialist

Peggy McMahon ~ Quality Improvement Specialist/ Prelicensing Specialist

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Rachele Cherek ~ Program Coordinator

Tracy Verjinsky ~ Program Coordinator

Jessica Nass ~ Office Assistant

Shelley Weiler ~ Referral & Communication Specialist

Provider Support / Advocate Groups

Adams, Clark, Marathon & Marquette 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 715.342.2999

Langlade County: Contact Donna Murra at 715.350.4159

Lincoln County: Contact Karen Grund at 715.536.9058 or Dolly Tanck at 715.536.7581

Taylor County: Meet the 3rd Monday of month For more information, call Kelly Emmerich at 715.748.6192

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 Beth Knuth at 715.423.5312

Childcaring Welcomes Two Staff Members



Jessica Nass ~ Office Assistant

Hi Everyone,

My name is Jessica Nass and I am excited to have joined the team as the new Office Assistant. I was born and raised in Merrill. I have both an Associate's Degree from UW Marathon and a Bachelor's Degree in psychology from UW Stevens Point. After graduating my work has been focused around children, more specifically Autistic children.

I got engaged in December of 2012 and I am planning an April 18, 2015 wedding. We also are the proud parents of our 4 year old daughter, Marielle. As a family, we enjoy the outdoors, cooking, and most recently wedding planning! I am looking forward to working with everyone.

Peggy McMahon ~ Quality Improvement Specialist/Prelicensing Specialist

Hi. My name is Peggy McMahon and I am a new staff person for Childcaring in the Merrill office. I have been working with Child Care Providers for 22 years in Licensing Preparation and four years with YoungStar in Langlade, Lincoln and Taylor Counties. I have a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from UW Stout and have 13 years of experience as a Center Director, Lead Teacher in Centers and teaching in Public Schools. I truly enjoy working with child care providers, spending time to understand their vision for their program and assisting them in reaching their goals. I have been very proud of the programs that I work with! I live in Ladysmith with my husband Bob and have 4 grown children. We have a delightful six year old Grandson and I have had the privilege to observe child development up close again. I enjoy reading, crocheting and gardening (if the snow ever melts ☺). I look forward to our work together.



For the past 19 years, Childcaring and the North Central Association for the Education of Young Children (NCAEYC) have coordinated a reception for regulated child care providers during the Week of the Young Child.

If your organization is interested in donating a door prize for the event, please contact Rachele at Childcaring, 715-539-9779.

As a contributor, your organization will be recognized at the event.

April 6-12, 2014

Annual Child Care Provider Spring Reception

Thursday, April 10, 2014—6:15 to 8:30 PM

Check-In & Cash Bar at 6:15 PM ~ Dinner at 6:30 PM

Best Western Midway Hotel - Tamarack Room
2901 Hummingbird Rd, Wausau

Cost: \$15.00—payable to NCAEYC
Visit www.naeyc.org and become a member!

Entertainment by: The Brian West Show
Stand Up Comedy & Magic

Pre-Registered participants will receive a ONE HOUR Registry Certificate for continuing education credit.

Sponsored by: NCAEYC and Childcaring, Inc.
For more information contact Childcaring, Inc. at 715.539.9779



Remember, your donation is tax deductible! This is a great opportunity to recognize the many early childhood professionals that care for our children, our grandchildren, and our future generations.

Thank you for your generosity!

Training Opportunities

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

Childcaring offers early care training. If a fee is required for the training, this information is noted in the training details. Participants will receive a Registry certificate for all trainings unless otherwise noted. For more information or to register, call 800-628-8534.

Darkness to Light

Stewards of Children is a sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

- Tuesday, April 8 · 6:00pm-9:00pm
Little Sprouts, Redgranite
\$15 fee / Register by Tuesday, April 1
- Tuesday, April 22 · 6:00pm-9:00pm
Hosted by: Little Lamb Academy of Medford
Held at: Immanuel Lutheran School, Medford
\$15 fee / Register by Tuesday, April 15

Heartsaver CPR w/ AED

- Monday, April 21 · 6:00pm-9:00pm
Barrington Head Start, Wausau
\$47 fee (includes workbook & CPR card)
Register by Monday, April 14
- Wednesday, May 7 · 6:00pm-9:00pm
Barrington Head Start, Wausau
\$47 fee (includes workbook & CPR card)
Register by Wednesday, April 30

Group Centers that have 8 staff needing training, contact Childcaring, Inc.
– the instructor may be able to come to your center. (Mileage rates may apply)

Shaken Baby Syndrome & Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Risk Reduction

SBS: Training in identification, prevention and the grave effects of SBS.
SIDS: During this training, you will learn more about SIDS and risk reduction.

- Thursday, April 24 · (SBS) 6:00pm-7:30pm /
(SIDS) 7:30pm-9:00pm
Park City Credit Union in the Community Room, Merrill
\$10 fee for one training
\$15 fee if registering for both trainings /
Register by Thursday, April 17

Strengthening Families

The Strengthening Families initiative is a strength-based approach to preventing child abuse and neglect.

- Tuesday, April 29 · 6:00pm-9:00pm
Adams Head Start - Renewal Unlimited Inc., Friendship
\$15 fee / Register by Tuesday, April 22

Mini Conference: Curriculum Alignment with WMELS & Child Portfolios

- Saturday, May 3 · 9:00am-4:00pm

Rome Town Hall, Rome

Curriculum Alignment with WMELS (9:00am-12:00pm)

* Prior to attending this session participants should have attended a full WMELS training.

Learn how the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards support intentional planning and teaching practices.

Child Portfolios (1:00pm-4:00pm)

A workshop that will include information about portfolios and time to create one for your program.

Registration Fees

- Full Conference (including lunch) \$30
- Curriculum Alignment with WMELS (excluding lunch) \$15
- Child Portfolios (excluding lunch) \$15

Register by Friday, April 25

Child Portfolios

A workshop that will include information about portfolios and time to create one for your program.

- Saturday, May 19 · 6:00pm-9:00pm
Redeemer Lutheran Learning Center, Tomahawk
\$15 fee / Register by Monday, May 12

Caring Hands Presents: Relationships Matter

This workshop will give an overview of what science tells us about how young children's brains develop, and will offer ideas for enhancing healthy social emotional development.

- Wednesday, May 21 · 6:30pm-8:30pm
Presented by: Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health
Held at: MSTC Auditorium, Wisconsin Rapids
FREE / Register by Friday, May 16

Social Emotional Competence: SEFEL Pyramid Model Training Series

The Pyramid Model Training Series is a model for supporting social competence and preventing challenging behavior in young children birth to age 5.

- June 17 & 24, July 15 & 29, August 12 & 26,
September 16 & 30 · 6:00pm-9:00pm
(Must attend ALL sessions)
Elcho School, Elcho
\$ 50 fee / Register by Tuesday, June 10

*** Childcaring provides trainings that align with YoungStar quality areas***

Training Opportunities

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

Very Early Literacy

Learn how building stronger relationships and language development are achieved through books and meaningful conversations.

- Tuesday, June 17 · 6:00pm-8:30pm
Childcaring, Wisconsin Rapids
\$ 15 fee / Register by Tuesday, June 10

Curriculum, Observation, and Assessment

Participants will learn the principals of quality curriculum and assessment and how child portfolios guide curriculum planning and celebrate learning.

- June 24 · 6:00pm-9:00pm
Hosted by: Little Lamb Academy of Medford
Held at: Immanuel Lutheran School, Medford
\$ 15 fee / Register by Tuesday, June 17

Developmentally Appropriate Practices

Best practice in early care and education is based on knowledge of how children develop and learn in the early years. DAP is about what you do with that knowledge & how you do it.

- July 17 · 6:00pm-9:00pm
ABC Child Care Center III, Marshfield
\$ 15 fee / Register by Tuesday, July 10

Ages and Stages Questionnaire

Learn more about the Ages and Stages Questionnaire and how to empower parents to meet their children's needs.

- Tuesdays, August 5, 12, 19 · 6:00pm-9:00pm
Marshfield Clinic-East Wing 4, Marshfield
\$30 fee / Register by Tuesday, July 29

Environment Rating Scales

Learn about how the Environment Rating Scales are designed to assess quality in early childhood programs.

- Wednesday, August 13 · 6:00pm-9:00pm
Redeemer Lutheran Learning Center, Tomahawk
\$15 fee / Register by Monday, August 6

Curriculum Alignment with WMELS

* Prior to attending this session participants should have attended a full WMELS training. Learn how the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards support intentional planning and teaching practices.

- Monday, August 25 · 6:00pm-9:00pm
Marathon County UW-Extension, Marathon Co.
\$15 fee / Register by Monday, August 18

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Early Literacy: Clark

Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards: Portage

Germs, Worms, Mud, and Crud: Taylor

Family Child Care: Marathon, Wood, Lincoln

Developmentally Appropriate Practices: Langlade

Developmentally Appropriate Practices (Offered in Hmong): Marathon

Child Portfolios: Clark

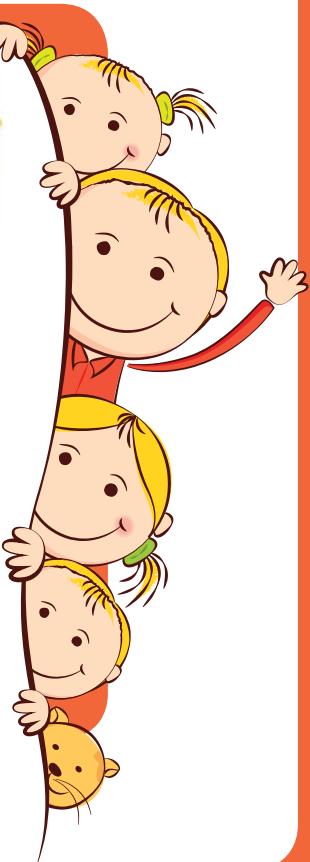
Curriculum Alignment with WMELS: Waushara, Wood

Ages and Stages Questionnaire (Offered in Hmong): Marathon

If your program is located in one of the counties identified and you are interested in hosting a particular training, contact Childcaring to find out more about the benefits of being a host site.



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We know that early experiences set the stage for life. When a child's early experiences are supported by positive, nurturing relationships, the outcomes are lastingly positive. What does it take to make this happen? It takes adults who understand child development and parenting, and are dedicated to teaching young children how to understand and manage their emotions. It takes adults who are resilient, socially connected, and able to access concrete supports in times of need. These are the five protective factors that PREVENT child abuse and neglect and create positive outcomes for children and their families that last a lifetime. That is the goal of our Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Teach-A-Thon, "Small Change Makes a BIG Difference."

Supporting Families Together Association calls upon our members across the state of Wisconsin to help us prevent child abuse and neglect through this campaign. Our goals are to:

- Increase our collective child abuse and neglect prevention training footprint by training at least 2,500 of Wisconsin's adults during the month of April.
- Raise funds that help our members deliver quality services to children and their families.

To help reach the child abuse and neglect prevention training goal for the month of April register for one of the following trainings:

- Darkness to Light
- Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
- Strengthening Families

We are excited to collaborate with you through this campaign, to ensure that Wisconsin's "small change" makes a "BIG difference," by giving all young children the chance to live a happy, healthy life.



(Pictured is THE PAPERDOLL PROJECT - Children decorate two paper dolls in their own image-one to keep and one to donate for display at a local business.)

North Central Association for the Education of Young Children (NCAEYC) and Childcaring, Inc. invite you to join us in celebrating the Week of the Young Child on April 6th - 12th. For more project ideas on how to participate please contact Childcaring.



Attendance Reporting Requirements April 15, 2014 (5:15pm-7:45pm)

Portage County Public Library

1001 Main Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481 (Pinery Room)

Participants are provided with information to report attendance for reimbursement from Wisconsin Shares.

Topics to be discussed include:

Understanding your child care authorization

Using rounding rules for reporting in the weekly mode

Reporting "school bank hours"

Introduction to the three modes of attendance reporting: Weekly, Daily and In & Out

An overview of using the Attendance Report Form (ARF) and the Child Care Provider Information (CCPI) system

Information provided within this free training session is intended for: Wisconsin Child Care Providers

2.5 Hours - Continuing Education

Deadline to register:

Wednesday, April 9, 2014.

Space may be limited. Early registration is suggested.

For more information and to register, contact:

Christina Baudhuin Telephone - (920) 559-2799 christina.baudhuin@wisconsin.gov

****Please include training topic and date in the subject line.**

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Vision

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



The Winner of our Facebook Contest was **TARA BIEBL**. Everyone who "Liked" the Childcaring FB page was entered in the drawing for a chance to win a Childcaring tote bag. On February 21 the contest winner was picked. Congratulations Tara! Please "Like" the Childcaring FB page to get entered in future drawings and get the most up-to-date information on Childcaring trainings and information.