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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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Both Childcaring locations accommodate office hours by appointment

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The Resource Connection

Childcaring Announces Training Winners – Jennifer Rasmussen and Sue Lee

Congratulations to the 2015 Childcaring Training Winners: Jennifer Rasmussen and Sue Lee, both from Wausau. Annually, Childcaring selects two training participants from the names of everyone who attended Childcaring trainings throughout the year. Past winners include: Laurie Konkol-Glodowski and Beth West (2014) and Donna Plahmer and Carolyn Zielinski (2013).

As the 2015 Childcaring Training Winners, Jennifer & Sue will receive a new children’s book and a gift card! Congratulations!



Trainings Enhance Quality Early Care

To enhance children’s development and the quality of the early care and education system, Childcaring offers a variety of low cost training options during the year. In 2015, over 1,570 child care providers attended Childcaring trainings throughout our service area. We would like to see this number increase every year.

We continue to add new trainings, with funding provided by Department of Children & Families and Supporting Families Together Association, and sincerely appreciate your feedback about the topics you might be interested in. In 2016, look for more opportunities to attend our new Art and Science hands-on trainings as well as Family Engagement. If you are looking to earn many continuing education hours by taking one class, you might consider our 15-hour WI Model Early Learning Standards training or the 24-hour Pyramid Model for Social and Emotional Competence.

Comments from 2015 training participants include, “I can’t wait to try all the things that I have learned with my toddlers.” Another participant said, “I will engage parents more in discussion.” As child care professionals, we have the opportunity to make a lifetime of difference in the lives of children and their families every day.

To find the most up-to-date Childcaring training opportunities view our online training calendar at www.childcaring.org. Childcaring also regularly sends out upcoming training emails. Please make sure we have your updated email address so that you receive this info via our email list serve.

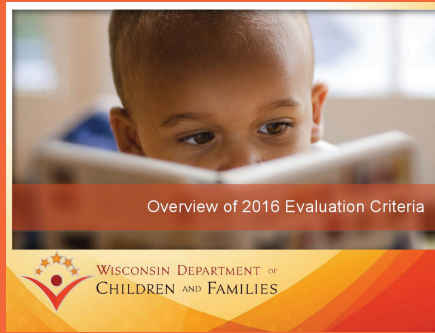
YOUNGSTAR CORNER

Changes to YoungStar for 2016

Overview of 2016 Evaluation Criteria is a document available online that outlines clarifications or modifications that were made to YoungStar for 2016 implementation. These changes will be effective for any program that applies to YoungStar on or after January 1, 2016 or whose anniversary date is in 2016.

For example: Beginning January 1, 2016, if a program has more than one person listed in their Program Profile for a classroom/group, the training (but not the education) of either individual will be counted when awarding YoungStar points.

For more information and clarification on all the changes, view the document online at:
www.childcaring.org/documents/2016evalcriteria11052015.pdf



Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 Public Hearing on State Plan: Child Care Development Fund Tuesday, January 5, 2016 - 1:00pm-4:00pm

The hearing will be hosted at the Pyle Center on the University of Wisconsin – Madison campus. The address is 702 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53706.

In addition, DCF will be utilizing WisLine Web services to allow participants to provide public comment remotely across the state. Two locations are available within Central Wisconsin:

- Marathon County – UW Extension 212 River Drive, Suite 3, Room 5 Wausau, WI 54403-5476
- Wood County – UW Extension 400 Market Street, Auditorium Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-8095

Background

The CCDBG is a grant given to the states and territories by the federal government. It is the primary source of federal funding for child care subsidies to assist low-income working families and to provide funds to improve child care quality.

In November 2014, the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 was signed into law after receiving bipartisan and bicameral support in Congress. The Act fully authorizes the child care program for the first time since 1996 and represents an historic re-envisioning of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program. The new law makes significant advancements by defining health and safety requirements for child care providers; outlining family-friendly eligibility policies; and, ensuring that parents and the general public have transparent information about the child care choices available to them.

The implementation of the new law has been staggered over a period of 3 years to allow states enough time to make policy and system changes.

For more information, please click here:
<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/ccdbg/default.htm>

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- Jessica Frick ~ Resource & Referral Specialist
- Shelley Weiler ~ Referral & Communication Specialist
- Sarah Agena ~ Child Physical Activity & Nutrition Consultant/Flexible Nutrition Solutions, LLC (Independent Contractor)

Provider Support / Advocate Groups

Adams, Clark, Langlade, 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

Lincoln County: Contact
Dolly Tanck at 715.536.7581

Marathon County: Storyteller Network
Support Group for Asian Providers
Maichao Lor at 715.432.1958

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
Jamie Lane 715.323.2546

Training Opportunities

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

Family Engagement: Partnering with Families for Children's 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.

- Tuesday, January 12 (6:00pm-9:00pm)
Mid-State Technical College, Stevens Point
\$15/ Register by Tuesday, January 5
- Tuesday, March 15 (6:00pm-9:00pm)
Streitel Center at Saint Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield
\$15/ Register by Tuesday, March 8
(MACCA members NO FEE, must call to register.)

Strengthening Families with Mandated Reporter Training

The Strengthening Families initiative is a strength-based approach to preventing child abuse and neglect. This training meets the requirement for bi-annual child abuse and neglect.

- Thursday, January 14, 2016 (6:00pm-9:00pm)
Lincoln County UW-Extension, Merrill
\$15/ Register by Thursday, January 7

Stewards of Children, Darkness to Light with Mandated Reporter

A sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

- Tuesday, January 19 (6:00pm-9:00pm)
Streitel Center at Saint Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield
\$15/ Register by Tuesday, January 12
(MACCA members NO FEE, must call to register.)
- Monday, January 25 (6:00pm-9:00pm)
Immanuel Lutheran School and Child Care,
Wisconsin Rapids
\$15/ Register by January 18

Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention

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

- Thursday, January 21 (10:30am-12:00pm)
Childcaring, Wisconsin Rapids
\$10/ Register by Thursday, January 14
- Thursday, March 17 (10:30am-12:00pm)
Childcaring, Wisconsin Rapids
\$10/ Register by Thursday, March 10

Childcaring provides trainings that align with YoungStar quality areas

Pyramid Model for Social and Emotional Competence

Model for supporting social competence and preventing challenging behavior in young children birth to age 5.

- Mondays (6:00pm-9:00pm), January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15, February 22, February 29, March 7 & March 14
Central Clark County Community Child Care Center (7C's), Greenwood
\$50/ Register by Monday, January 18
- Saturdays (8:30am-3:00pm) February 27 & April 2
Mondays (6:00pm-9:00pm) March 7, March 14, March 28 & April 11
Stevens Point YMCA
\$50/ Register by Friday, February 19

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.

- Tuesday, February 2 (6:00pm-9:00pm)
South Wood County-YMCA, Port Edwards
\$15/ Register by Tuesday, January 26

(WMELS) Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards

A unique opportunity to understand and implement the WMELS into your early childhood setting.

- Mondays (5:00pm-9:50pm) February 8, February 22 & March 7
Northcentral Technical College, Wausau
\$50/ Register by Monday, February 1
(Registration through NTC)

Heartsaver CPR w/ AED

- Thursday, February 11 (6:00pm-9:00pm)
Childcaring, Wausau
Register by Thurs., Feb. 4
- Thursday, March 10 (6:00pm-9:00pm)
Childcaring, Wausau
Register by Thursday, March 3
- Thursday, May 12 (6:00pm-9:00pm)
Childcaring, Wausau
Register by Thursday, May 5

Group Centers that have 6 staff needing training, contact Childcaring, Inc. the instructor may be able to come to your center. (Mileage rates may apply)

Art from the Heart:

Fostering the Creative Process in Children Included within this training are hands on opportunities to learn how to incorporate art materials and concepts into your program and support children's experiences with art. Participants will explore the relationship of art within the Environment Rating Scales.

- Thursday, April 28 (6:00pm-9:00pm)
Trinity Lutheran Church, Stevens Point
\$15/ Register by Thursday, April 21



Child Physical Activity and Nutrition Program

Thank you and congratulations to the following child care facilities that completed the Child Physical Activity and Nutrition Program (CPAN).

- Kids Unlimited Early Learning Center
- Redeemer Lutheran Learning Center
- Bethlehem Community Preschool and Childcare
- Helen R. Godfrey University Child Learning & Care Center
- Marciniak's Daycare
- TLC Day Care & Preschool
- Loveable Huggable Family Day Care
- Jennifer Osowski
- Kathy Rank
- Heather Harriman
- Country Friends Family Childcare
- Pacelli Catholic Early Childhood Center, St. Joseph
- Tina's Daycare

During the past several months with the guidance from a health consultant these facilities worked on nutrition and physical activity goals that they found important to their individual facilities. For more information or to participate in the CPAN program contact Sarah Agena at sarah@childcaring.org or call 715.423.4114.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day With Childcaring

Dr. Seuss Day is Wed., March 2, 2016 and Childcaring staff would like to celebrate the day by reading to the children at child care programs in our area! Although we would love to, we can't possibly get to every program, so we will randomly select programs on Wed., February 10. For your chance to participate, please email info@childcaring.org with the name of your program and your phone number, enter in the subject line: Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day With Us. You can also give us a call and we can enter you as well. We will contact the programs to finalize the details well in advance, so please submit your request by February 10. We truly love the silly goose -- We truly love him -- Dr. Seuss!

The Wisconsin Family Child Care Association & Childcaring invite you to attend:

Getting the Most Out of Your Accreditation Journey
Only \$40 for 6 training hours!

Date: February 27, 2016 9:00am to 3:30pm

Location: Wausau Childcaring Office:
1500 Merrill Ave., Suite 201, Wausau

This overview of the Accreditation process will answer your questions:

- What are the NAFCC Standards? Are they different than other standards I work hard to meet?
- How does Accreditation give me an alternate route in earning 4-5 Stars in YoungStar?
- What can I expect during the Observation Visit?
- What are the benefits of NAFCC Accreditation?
- What funding can WFCFA provide?

NAFCC Accreditation is designed to celebrate the quality you have already achieved and to support you towards continued growth and success. If you are committed to quality care and looking for a way to improve your program, or validate the current quality of your program, Accreditation can help you achieve your goal!

To Register Visit: www.wisconsinfamilychildcare.org
Questions? Call 608-588-5633
Door Prizes! Lunch Included!



Childcaring staff attended "Creating Positive Work Communities with Effective Communication Strategies," facilitated by: Deborah Pearce, Pearce Communication Group, LLC on December 8, 2015. The workshop instructed staff about how we all have different communication styles and preferences. Positive relationships are built by utilizing a variety of communication skills.

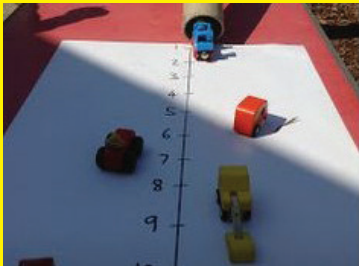
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WEEK of the YOUNG CHILD™
April 10-16, 2016



Start with your GOAL, then find your activities and adapt if necessary!

WMELS goal: "Explores, compares, and describes length, weight, or volume using standard measures." This is leading up to the Kindergarten Common Core State Standards: "Describe measurable attributes of objects, such as length, or weight. Describe several measurable attributes of a single object."

Attach a yard stick or better yet, several on the wall in the block corner for the children use to see how high their tower or creation is.



How far can your car or truck go?

Use both traditional and non-traditional tools to measure objects.



Submitted by: Beth Tepper, CESA 9

Learn more at titchbinsforlittlehands.com

Mrs. Plant's Press



Save the Date!

Wisconsin AfterSchool Association Annual Conference
Friday & Saturday April 8-9, 2016
Country Springs Hotel • Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Friday • 1-4 p.m.

General Session: Theresa French
Personality, Persuasion and People Skills--
10 Steps to Becoming the Kind of Person People Want to Follow

Saturday • 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Mary McAllister Shea
Creating and Sustaining Inclusive Out-of-School Time Programs

Location & Lodging Accommodations:

Country Springs Hotel
2610 Golf Road
Pewaukee, WI 53072
Phone: 1-800-247-6640

All room reservations must be made by Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in order to guarantee availability.

2016 WI Child Care Administrator's Association Annual Conference

February 17-19, 2016

Radisson Paper Valley Hotel,
333 W College Ave., Appleton, WI

This 3-day conference offers a variety of workshops, resources, information, and networking opportunities for early childhood professionals. On line registration and credit card payment information is available through: www.wcca.org



WWSA 14th Annual Conference

"The Children that Could...with a Head Start!"

February 22-24, 2016

Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Join with other Head Start, Early Head Start and Early Childhood Education professionals for amazing workshops, speakers and networking opportunities.

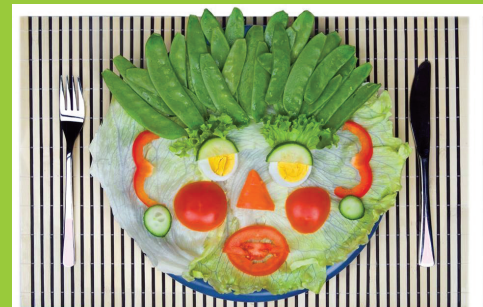
For more information visit: <http://whsaonline.org/>

Healthy Choices

Get creative with your kids' snacks. Try a classic like bugs on a log, or make a funny face using veggies.

For more ways to make healthy food fun visit:

1.usa.gov/1MdrnLB



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Kao Lai Xiong 715-301-1800
Hnub Mondays - 9:30 txog 3:30pm.

Vision

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

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Childcaring Board Member Spotlight:

BOARD MEMBER: Brad Gast

Became a Board Member: 2012

Board Position: President

Employment: Dean of Continuing Education and Virtual College at Northcentral Technical College

I Became a Childcaring Board Member Because: One of my deepest values is building the best future possible for children. Every single child deserves the opportunity to have a healthy and vibrant life. Significant research shows that investing in early childhood care and programming is critical to the long term success of children. Childcaring is on the forefront of driving this change in our local communities. Children are our future. It is an honor to be a part of such a wonderful organization that is truly changing lives and creating a positive future.

Board Role: As a member of the Board, I am always so impressed with the accomplishments of the staff. I appreciate the many efforts of each and everyone in the organization. The entire team is filled with caring and passionate professionals who are truly making a lasting impact every day. The Board is dedicated to providing the support and resources necessary to enhance quality of early child care and education in our area.

