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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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8:30am - 4:30pm

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accommodate office hours by
appointment

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The Resource Connection

**Are You (or Someone You Know) Interested In
Becoming A Child Care Provider?**

Childcarings is providing FREE information sessions to help answer questions about becoming a 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, you may be eligible for a start-up grant.

Session dates and locations include:

- **Thursday, April 20th** Wausau Childcarings Office (6:00-8:00pm)
1500 Merrill Avenue, Suite 201, Wausau, WI 54401
Register by: Thursday, April 13
- **Wednesday, May 3rd** Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library (6:00-8:00pm)
211 E. 2nd Street, Marshfield, WI 54449
Felker Family Genealogy and Local History Room
Register by: Wednesday, April 26
- **Saturday, May 20th** Wausau Childcarings Office (9:00-11:00am)
1500 Merrill Avenue, Suite 201, Wausau, WI 54401
Register by: Saturday, May 13
- **Thursday, August 17th** Aspirus Langlade Hospital (6:00-8:00pm)
112 E. Fifth Avenue, Antigo, WI 54409
Main Entrance, Large Conference Room
Register by: Thursday, August 10

If you are interested, or know someone who enjoys working with children have them contact Childcarings to learn more.

Funding has been provided by: WI Department of Children & Families (<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov>)
& Supporting Families Together Association (www.supportingfamilies.together.org)



YOUNGSTAR CORNER

Update Your Registry Program Profile



Remember to maintain your YoungStar-required Registry Program Profile. Enter your staff's latest education and training information, assign a Lead Teacher/Group Leader to each classroom/group, and keep this information updated. The information you enter is automatically used to determine your YoungStar rating and corresponding YoungStar Adjustment.

By signing a YoungStar Contract, programs agree to keep their Program Profiles accurate and up-to-date. :
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/youngstar/pdf/keep-program-profile-updated.pdf>

Join YoungStar

YoungStar is a program that recognizes quality in early care and education programs and provides supports and resources, such as technical assistance and micro-grants. In order to receive reimbursements through Wisconsin's child care subsidy program, MyWICChildCare, a program must complete and submit a YoungStar contract.

Early Care and Education programs work with Technical Consultants to engage in efforts to promote their quality and proceed with a process that determines their star rating on a scale from one to five. Do you have questions? Want to learn more? Contact Childcaring to schedule a meeting today!

Reminder:

Never keep a client's MyWICChildCare EBT card, account number, or PIN

If you or your staff is found in possession of another parent's EBT card, account number, PIN, or any representation of these items, you may be issued an overpayment and/or permanently suspended from the program.

Do not risk it. Never ask for your client's EBT cards!

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Provider Support / Advocate Groups

Adams, Clark, Langlade, 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

Lincoln County: Contact
 Dolly Tanck at 715.536.7581

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

Wood County:
 Marshfield Area Child Care Association
 Krisann Mauritz at 715.387.2218

Wisconsin Rapids Child Care Advocates Council
 Jamie Lane 715.323.2546

Linda Francis, Office & Financial Manager,
Celebrates 20 Years at Childcaring! Congratulations Linda!



THANK YOU to
SOUTH WOOD COUNTY YMCA
and
Jennifer's Kid Corral, LLC
for letting Childcaring
staff celebrate DR. SEUSS
DAY THURSDAY, MARCH 2
by reading to the children
in your care!



*Pictured: Tracy Verjinsky, Childcaring Program
Coordinator, read at South Wood County YMCA*



*Pictured: Kristine Joyce, Quality Improvement
Specialist, read at Jennifer's Kid Corral*



FREE Program

Child Physical Activity and Nutrition Program

You're invited to participate in an exclusive physical activity and nutrition program for child care providers. We know you care about the health of the children, but it's sometimes difficult to make healthy choices because there's only so much time in a day. That's why we're extending an invitation for child care providers in the counties of Adams, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marquette, Portage, Taylor, Waushara and Wood to participate in the Childcare Physical Activity and Nutrition Program, a fun and easy way to help child care providers to improve physical activity and nutrition.

"The program gave me the desire to add more fresh fruits and vegetables into my menu. I feel better about giving the kids less canned foods! I'm very proud of the foods I'm feeding the children in my care; I know it's better for them and it's teaching them a healthy way of life." - *Pine Oaks Kids*

"It has been so helpful becoming more aware of little details about foods and child nutrition. We have also appreciated the extra attention to our menu items and shared ideas for more physical fitness for all our staff and the different age groups we have services for. Sarah in particular has been a wonderful resource and support to our efforts." - *Building Blocks Learning Center*

For more information contact Sarah Agena at sarah@childcaring.org or 715.252.5981

Training Opportunities

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

Presented in Hmong ~

Darkness to Light (Includes Mandated Reporter) & Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care

- **Saturday, April 8, 2017**
Childcaring, Wausau Office
Register by Monday, April 3
Darkness to Light (With Mandated Reporter)
(9:00am-12:00pm)
A sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.
Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care (12:30pm-2:30pm)
Because mothers need ongoing support from child care providers to provide breast milk for their babies, child care programs are becoming breastfeeding friendly.
Registration Fees:
Full Conference (lunch included) \$30
Darkness to Light (excluding lunch) \$20
Breastfeeding Friendly Child Care (excluding lunch) \$10

Strengthening Families in Early Care and Education (with Mandated Reporter)

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.

- **Monday, April 10 (6:00pm-9:00pm)**
South Wood County YMCA, Wisconsin Rapids
\$20 / Register by Monday, April 3
- **Thursday, April 13 (6:00pm-9:00pm)**
United Way of Marathon County, Wausau
\$20 / Register by Thursday, April 6

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.

- **Thursday, April 20 (6:00pm-9:00pm)**
UW-Extension Lincoln County, Merrill
\$20 / Register by Thursday, April 13

* CPR with AED

Cost to attend: \$48.50
Classes are 6:00pm-9:00pm at Childcaring, Wausau Office

- **Thursday, April 27**
- **Monday, May 22**



2017 Health and Wellness in Early Childhood Conference at Northcentral Technical College took place Saturday, February 18

Child Portfolios

A workshop that will include information about the importance of portfolios and how to create one for your program.

- **Monday, May 8 (6:00pm-9:00pm)**
Little Lambs Academy of Medford, Medford
\$20 / Register by Monday, May 1

Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention

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

- **Thursday, May 11 (10:30am-2:00pm)**
Childcaring, Wausau Office
\$15/ Register by Thursday, May 4

~ Presented in Hmong ~ 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.

- **Saturday, May 13 (9:00am-12:00pm)**
Childcaring, Wausau Office
\$20/ Register by Friday, May 5

Mark Your Calendar for These Trainings:

Art from the Heart: Fostering the Creative Process in Children

- **Wednesday, August 23 (5:45pm-8:45pm)**
St. Lawrence Early Childhood Center,
Wisconsin Rapids

Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention

- **Thursday, July 13 (10:30am-12:00pm)**
Childcaring, Wisconsin Rapids
- **Thursday, September 14 (10:30am-12:00pm)**
Childcaring, Wausau
- **Thursday, November 9 (10:30am-12:00pm)**
Childcaring, Wisconsin Rapids

Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards

- **Fridays, September 22 & 29 (8:30am-4:30pm)**
Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield

*Childcaring gift certificates are not redeemable for these trainings.

Caring Hands Brings You: "Things that Bug Us"

Presented by:

Jean Rosekrans, RN, BSN (Public Health Nurse)

Greg Kolodziej, BS, RS (Environmental Health Sanitarian)

Kate Carlson, BS, RS (Environmental Health Sanitarian)

Unfortunately, dealing with pests can be a part of life in Wisconsin.

Join us to learn:

- Identification of common bugs (head lice, ticks, bed bugs, cockroaches, fleas)
 - Disease/infestation signs and symptoms
 - Pesky myths
 - Treatment options
 - Tips to address and prevent the spread of these critters (don't take them home with you!)
 - Wednesday, April 26 (6:30-8:30pm), MSTC Auditorium, Wisconsin Rapids OR
 - Tuesday, May 16 (6:30-8:30pm), Streitel Conference Center at St Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield
- Training is free of charge, to register please contact Childcaring by phone at 715-423-4114 or 800-628-8534 or by email at: info@childcaring.org



PARENT CAFÉS:

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 ** Please register for all 3 sessions or before each week.
All sessions are: 5:00-7:30 PM

MARATHON COUNTY PARENT CAFÉ SESSIONS:

GD Jones Elementary School

1018 South 12th Avenue, Wausau
(Enter through main doors)

- Tuesday, April 18
- Monday, April 24
- Tuesday, May 2

PORTAGE COUNTY PARENT CAFÉ SESSIONS:

Redeemer Lutheran Church

900 Brilowski Road, Stevens Point
(Behind Fleet Farm)

- Monday, April 24
- Monday, May 1
- Tuesday, May 9

MARQUETTE COUNTY PARENT CAFÉ SESSIONS:

- Thursday, April 6 –

Oxford Elementary School

222 S. Franklin Ave., Oxford, WI 53952

- Thursday, April 13 –

Westfield Elementary School

329 Hawk Lane, Westfield, WI 53964

- Thursday, April 20 –

Forest Lane Community School

222 Forest Lane, Montello, WI 53949



In coordination with Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention month, SFTA and member organizations plan multiple child abuse and neglect prevention trainings throughout the month of April. Trainings are open to our usual audiences of child care providers and families, but also to businesses, police and/or fire departments, hospitals, and other work and community settings. SFTA and member organizations ask our previous and potential donors to contribute a small change amount per each adult trained in child abuse and neglect prevention during the month of April. For example, if we train 2,800 participants and you contribute a dime per adult trained, yours would be a total donation of \$280. 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.

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WEEK of the YOUNG CHILD™
April 23 - 29, 2017

Annual Child Care Provider Spring Reception

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Great Dane Pub & Brewing Company
2305 Sherman St. - Wausau, WI

Cost: \$18.00 - payable to NCAEYC

Sponsored by:
NCAEYC &
Childcaring

5:45 PM - Check-In & Cash Bar

6:15 - 6:45 PM - Italian Buffet

7:15 PM - Entertainment by

Jerry Fraiser - Comic Magician

A national entertainer, motivational speaker,
and actor. Performed for thousands of
audiences all across the country.
Get ready to laugh AND participate!

8:15 PM - Wrap up and door prizes

After many years of planning and
coordinating, 2017 will be the last year
this event will be organized by the
current group of volunteers.

For more information contact
Childcaring, Inc. at 715-301-1800

Support our local food pantries! Bring a non perishable food item - receive a ticket! Chance to
win a \$100 gift card or a stone bird bath! Please be aware of expiration dates on your food items.

If your organization is interested in donating a door prize for the event, please contact Rachele at Childcaring, 715-301-1800 or rachele@childcaring.org. As a contributor, your organization will be recognized at the event. 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.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) New Meal Pattern Training Registration

CACFP New Meal Pattern training is **required** for all agencies. If you are unable to attend one of the onsite trainings, a home-study and test will be required to be completed prior to September 30, 2017. Agencies that have not been trained on the new meal pattern will not be able to renew their CACFP contract for Fiscal Year 2018 until this is complete.

Local Training Opportunity

The training is from **9 am-4 pm**. There will be 1 hour for lunch on your own. Beverages and food will not be provided at the training.

Wausau

Thursday, April 20
Westwood Conference Center
1800 Westwood Center Boulevard

For more training locations, visit: dpi.wi.gov

Children's Festivals



Blue Ribbon Kids Day

Saturday, April 1 (8:30am-12:30pm)
Parkside School, Wautoma

Merrill Children's Festival

Saturday, April 1 (10:00am-2:00pm)
MARC, Merrill

Wausau Children's Festival

Saturday, April 8 (9:00am-3:00pm)
East Gate Hall, Marathon Park, Wausau

Marshfield Children's Festival

Saturday, April 8 (9:30am-1:30pm)
Marshfield High School

Marquette County Children's Festival

Saturday, April 22 (10:00am-1:00pm)
Montello High School

WI Rapids Children's Festival

Saturday, April 22 (10:00am-3:00pm)
Lincoln High School

Adams Co. Children's Festival

Saturday, April 29 (10:00am-2:00pm)
Adams Friendship High School

Stand for Children Day

Saturday, May 20th
Antigo

Clark County Family Fun Festival

Saturday, September 24 (11:00am-3:00pm)
Greenwood High School

Start with your goal then go searching for activities!

WMELS A.EL.2: Responds to increasingly complex language structures, including comments, requests, and questions. This leads into the Wisconsin Academic Standard WAS ELA SL.K.3: Asks and answers questions in order to seek help, get information, or clarify something that is not understood.

I attended the Preserving Early Childhood conference where the keynote speaker, Wendy Ostroff (a researcher bringing research into practice) spoke about how young children average 78 questions an hour and by 1st grade they ask 5 questions an hour. This questioning needs to be encouraged and not squashed! Asking questions shows a love of learning... it shows curiosity. She also stated "Reading is Incidental if there is curiosity." Use the phrase "I wonder" often throughout the day to model questioning.



Show the children a picture of an animal, place, cover of a book... Throw them a ball that has a question on it: What? Why? Where? And have them ask a question about the picture or book which starts with the question on the ball. Write the questions out to see if you can find the answers.

Put questions that children ask throughout the day in a bag. Talk about if they found the answers or where they could look for the answers.

Submitted by: Beth Tepper, CESA 9



Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

Friday, May 12, 2017

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

Provider Appreciation Day is a special day to recognize child care providers. To honor child care providers, some participating Dairy Queens will provide one free, small ice cream cone to each regulated child care provider on that day. Quantities are limited. A coupon is required to participate in this offer. Offer varies by participating DQ location. See the Childcaring website for more information on participating locations and information.

(<http://childcaring.org/provider-additional.html>)



Good for

One Small Ice Cream Cone on Provider Appreciation Day.

Offer is valid for Regulated Child Care Providers at participating locations. One coupon per customer. Offer varies by location. Quantities may be limited. Valid only 5/12/17



SATURDAY, APRIL 29 (11AM-3PM),

**CENTRAL WISCONSIN CONVENTION & EXPO CENTER
10101 MARKET ST.,
ROTHSCHILD, WISCONSIN 54474**



Save the Date:

**Wisconsin Child Care Administrators Association Region 5
Senator Patrick Testin – UWSP – Monday, April 24th**

This is your opportunity to meet and talk with our Senator Patrick Testin and share your suggestions and concerns about child care. Some areas of discussion will be low staff wages, how to increase the subsidy payments for families, and the new lead water testing bill. If you have questions or would like to attend this meeting contact RoxAnne Forrest at rforrest@uwsp.edu.

Healthy Choices

Farm to Preschool

The Wisconsin Farm to School Program encourages healthy lifestyles in children and supports local economies. In Wisconsin, comprehensive farm to school programs combine local or procurement efforts, nutrition and agricultural education, and child engagement activities such as school gardening, in order to provide children with nutrition education. Farm to School has become a vibrant movement connecting kids to healthy, local food and connecting farmers to happy, local customers.

Check out Farm to Preschool resources that include information related to school gardens, nutrition education, curriculum, menus and recipes. <http://www.farmtoschool.org/our-network/Wisconsin>

Kids at Play the Healthy Way

2017 Wisconsin Family Child Care Association Annual Conference
Thursday – Saturday May 4-6, 2017
Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells
Registration Opens February 15th!
Early Bird Deadline April 15th

MANY GREAT SESSIONS TO CHOOSE FROM INCLUDING:

Opening Keynote:
Denita Dagen, Empowering Play
Dr. Diane Craft, Active Play!

The Craft of Creating Powerful Policies
Kelly Matthews, Business Practice Specialist, WCCA

News and Updates from Child Licensing
Anne Camody, Department of Children and Families

Shaping Healthy Children with Farm to Early Care and Education
Beth Hines, Outreach Manager, Community Groundworks

Closing Keynote: Healthy Bites
Tips and Tools for Helping Children Eat Well

Play to Learn: The Experience and the Science
Lori Vanden, Play to Learn Educator and Consultant

Budgeting Basics
Kelly Matthews, Business Practice Specialist, WCCA

Classroom Design
Karen Morrow, Bar 3 Trainer, IQ for Children

View the entire program at www.wisconsinfamilychildcare.org beginning March 5th
To request a printed copy of our brochure contact: Email WISfca@gmail.com or Phone (608) 322-1260

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
May 4-6th 2017!

Conference Highlights

- VIRTUAL TOUR OF FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES!
- DOOR PRIZES
- CACFP MEAL PATTERN CHANGE CLASSES
- PRESENTATION OF PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD
- Silent Auction including a 2018 CONFERENCE PACKAGE!
- RAFFLE PRIZES
- EXHIBITS OF QUALITY RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

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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:

My name is Donna Ginzl. I have served on the Childcaring Board of Directors since 2015. I am the current Vice President and also serve on the Governance Committee. I joined the Childcaring Board because my personal and professional life experiences have taught me that quality and affordable child care are essential to the future of our children and our communities. I live in Stevens Point with my husband of 27 years, our youngest daughter, and our two rescue dogs.



I have been a practicing attorney in Central Wisconsin for almost 23 years and I am the proud mother of two daughters who are now 21 and 18. After working for 14 years in the local State Public Defender's Office representing both adults and children, I began working in 2008 with the Anderson O'Brien Law Firm becoming a partner in 2013. I specialize in Family Law related matters such as divorce, child custody and placement disputes, paternity actions, termination of parental rights and adoption and grandparent visitation actions. In addition to representing adults, I am also frequently appointed by local judges and court commissioners as a Guardian ad Litem to act on behalf of the best interests of minor children in custody and placement disputes.

I am honored to be part of the Childcaring organization. The knowledge, professionalism and dedication of the staff and other board member volunteers to provide resources to families and providers to ensure quality childcare throughout Central and North Central Wisconsin is remarkable.