

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Early Childhood Professionals Make a Difference and Support Young Learners *Are You or Someone You Know Interested in Providing Child Care?***

Early care providers who enjoy helping children grow and learn are needed. If you are excited about committing to a career that includes making a difference in the lives of young children and families, early care may be the professional field for you. Communities need care for children of all ages, but especially for infants and toddlers.

Do you have questions like:

- How many children can I legally care for?
- What are the benefits to becoming regulated?
- What classes or training do I need to get started?
- What would I charge the families?

**Childcaring is offering FREE virtual information sessions**, facilitated by Childcaring Certifier/Pre-licensing Technical Consultant Gayle Schiszik, 12:30-2:30pm:

- Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> register by Wednesday, January 19 - **OR** -
- Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> register by Tuesday, February 22.

These sessions will be presented virtually through RingCentral. To achieve optimal experience, you must have a reliable internet connection and technology that supports video and audio. A link to log into the session will be sent via email prior to the start date.

### **Start-Up Grants are Available!**

Eligible providers have used startup grant funding to purchase equipment, materials, and classes required to obtain regulation (ie: safety gates, developmentally appropriate materials for a variety of age groups, smoke detectors, etc.). A regulated child care provider said, "This grant helped me to get new stuff for the children that will last. Also gates and covers to keep them safe." If you became regulated within the past three months you may still be eligible to apply.

### **Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program**

To support Wisconsin's early care and education community, The Department of Children and Families (DCF) has also launched an updated **Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program**. Regulated child care providers are eligible to receive **monthly payments** through 2023, providing the financial stability they need to stay open, to recruit and retain qualified staff, and to continue providing high-quality care for children. A total of \$351 million in funds will be available over the next 18 months and will be distributed through two programs targeting the challenges early care and education providers are facing. More information about this program can be found at:

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/childcare/payments> - Note: Payment amounts are subject to change based on available funding and applications received.

To learn more about providing child care or to register for a free session contact Childcaring, your local child care resource and referral at: 1-800-628-8534 or visit: [www.childcaring.org](http://www.childcaring.org) for more information.

### **About Childcaring**

Childcaring's mission is to enhance and support a quality early childhood education system by providing resource and referral services to families, child care programs, and communities in Adams, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marquette, Portage, Taylor, Waushara, and Wood counties. To learn more about Childcaring visit: [www.childcaring.org](http://www.childcaring.org) and like us on Facebook @ChildcaringInc