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Limited Office Coverage M-Th

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by appointment.

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.

The Resource Connection

So Much to Celebrate:

April is Family Strengthening Month!

April is designated as National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, in Wisconsin we celebrate April as Family Strengthening Month. Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment. Please join us in promoting the safety and well-being of Wisconsin children. For more information and activity ideas, visit: <https://preventionboard.wi.gov/Pages/OurWork/April.aspx>



Week of the Young Child: April 1 – 7, 2023!

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child® is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. It is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association.

The Week of the Young Child® is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, at child care, at school, and in the community—that will promote their early learning.

There is so much that children learn as they sing, cook together, build together, create art, and celebrate with their families. To celebrate, plan your special activities for: Kick Off Saturday, Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday! You can find more information at: <https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc>

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day: Friday, May 12, 2023!

Provider Appreciation Day® is celebrated the Friday before Mother's Day every year to recognize child care providers, teachers and other educators of young children everywhere. Child Care Aware of America convenes this day each year to amplify our nation's collective gratitude for those who support the social, emotional and physical care of our youngest children.

Let's say THANK YOU and show our appreciation! They deserve SO much more, but we can start with: a Thank You card, flowers, a gift certificate, monetary or supply donations, recognition, advocate on their behalf by contacting your local legislators, etc. For more ideas go to: <https://providerappreciation.org/about>



YOUNGSTAR TRANSITION

Please visit the DCF website for Frequently Asked Questions:
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/program/administration>
Should you have any further questions in the meantime,
please contact youngstar@wisconsin.gov

Advocate!

**It's no secret that the child care sector is in crisis.
Prices, Supply, Funding... OH MY!**

There are vast inequities in the system. The average wage for child care teachers in central WI ranges \$11-\$15/hour; hardly a living wage, and most don't have employer-provided health insurance or other benefits.

The low pay for workers and the high cost for families points to insufficient public investment in child care and leaves families and child care providers to bear the burden of supporting the current system.

We encourage families, child care providers, and community members to reach out to your local legislators and let them know how much you value a well-supported, quality early childhood system. Childcaring can help you find early childhood priorities, talking points, and contact information for your local legislators. As always, we're here to support you navigate all of your resources.

To FIND YOUR LEGISLATOR, visit: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov> or reach out to Childcaring for assistance.

FBI Fingerprints are Required Every 5 years

When is the last time you checked your eligibility status in the Child Care Provider Portal (CCPP)?

- DCF policy requires **FBI fingerprints be updated every five years.**
- If any individuals working at your center **reside outside of Wisconsin**, yearly fingerprints are required.
- **Individuals turning 18** are also required to obtain an FBI fingerprint.

Fingerprint-based background checks must be completed using Fieldprint. Check the Fieldprint Wisconsin website for Fieldprint locations near you and to schedule an appointment.

Child Care Provider Portal Enhancement

A change has been made to the Provider Portal that will mark past due fingerprint eligibility to a status of expired. **Expired eligibility may lead to a non-compliance**, so please review the Individuals section in CCPP regularly.

- Review your quarterly notice for upcoming background checks.
- New Fingerprint Instruction letters will go out for every individual who needs a fingerprint.
- If fingerprints are not done timely, an overdue and past due notice will follow.

Stay in compliance and check your eligibility status today! Learn more about background checks on the DCF website. Background check questions can be directed to the Child Care Background Unit DCFPLICBECRCBU@wisconsin.gov or call at 608-422-7400.

Provider Support / Advocate Groups

Adams, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, 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
Becky Helf at 715-346-4370

Taylor County: Meet the 3rd Monday of month
For more information, call Kelly Emmerich at 715.465.0993

Wood County:
Marshfield Area Child Care Association
Deb Decker 715-898-2220

NEWLY REGULATED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:

Tara Speckman
Family Child Care Provider, Stevens Point

Leanna Hunt
Family Child Care Provider, Marshfield

Building Blocks Childcare, LLC
Group Child Care Center, Westfield

WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS ANYTHING!

For more timely updates, join our email list serves and follow our Facebook Page.

Email List Serves:

Weekly: Typically sent on Thursdays, this weekly email will have information for families, community events, provider trainings, employment, for sale, healthy choices and more!

Training: Don't miss a training opportunity offered by Childcaring! This email will contain direct links to training flyers and registration information about upcoming trainings.

Newsletters & Annual Report: Receive our quarterly newsletter, The Resource Connection, to stay up to date with information within our service delivery area. This list serv will also be used to send out our annual report.

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WI Family Child Care Providers - "Teacher's Lounge" Facebook Page

"Reaching, connecting, and growing leaders in Family Child Care. A place for Family Child Care providers to connect, collaborate, and support each other and to share the joys and challenges of this amazing profession! This group is intended to provide a 'teacher's lounge' for providers, a diverse, non-judgmental environment for great conversation!"



Training Opportunities

Scan this QR code or visit our website to view our online training calendar for the most up-to-date training opportunities.

Register Online for Childcaring Trainings

To register for individual trainings, visit wiregistry.org, click Search for Trainings and search by Course Title. Training information is sent to the email address listed in the Registry. You need to have a current and unique email address in your Registry profile. If you do not receive the information, check your spam/junk mail or contact Childcaring.

The Power of Play Explained to Parents (and other adults) – In Person!

NTC, 1000 West Campus Dr, Wausau ~ Room A167

"She plays at home, when she's here I want her to learn." "Why aren't you teaching him the alphabet and how to read?" If you hear these similar questions from parents and aren't quite sure how to answer, this inspiring workshop is for you! Leave with practical ways to show and explain to parents why play is critical to their child's development. They'll be praising your play efforts...almost guaranteed!

- Tuesday, April 18 ~ 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM
- \$15 / Register by April 11

Strengthening Families in Early Care & Education with Mandated Reporter – Online

Content is self-paced to be completed within a 7 day time-frame.

The Strengthening Families initiative is a strength-based approach to preventing child abuse and neglect. This training makes the connections between the factors that prevent child abuse and neglect and the strategies that quality early childhood programs can use to build them up. This training includes Mandated Reporter which meets the licensing requirement of child abuse & neglect.

- Thursday, April 20 – Wednesday, April 26
- \$20 / Register by April 16

Wired & Tired – In Person!

Associated Bank, 5597 US-10, Stevens Point

Does a weekend of streaming your favorite movies sound like the perfect stay-cation? Have you misplaced your drawing pencils or hiking boots, recognizing you won't have time for them anymore? Our modern life is wiring our brains and bodies to be tired and stressed all the time, negatively impacting our ability to be focused, be present, be resilient. In this workshop you will gain a basic understanding of how our brain learns to respond to the environment. You will leave with concrete strategies to re-wire your brain to be more connected and present in your life and avoid feeling wired and tired.

- Tuesday, May 16 ~ 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM
- \$15 / Register by May 9

AHA CPR w/ AED

Childcaring, 850 State Hwy 153, Ste F, Mosinee

The American Heart Association (AHA) Heartsaver CPR w/ AED course trains participants to give CPR, and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) in a safe, timely, and effective manner for Infant, Child, and Adult. One Heartsaver® CPR AED Student Workbook (2020) is needed per program and can be purchased through Childcaring for \$5.

- Monday, May 8 ~ 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- \$45 / Register by May 1 by contacting Childcaring

AHA First Aid Training

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The Heartsaver First Aid course trains participants first aid basics for the most common first aid emergencies, including how to recognize them, how to call for help, and how to perform lifesaving skills. One Heartsaver® First Aid Student Workbook is needed per program and can be purchased through Childcaring for \$5.

- Saturday, April 29 ~ 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- \$35 / Register by April 24 by contacting Childcaring
- Monday, June 5 & Tuesday, June 6 ~ 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- \$35 / Register by May 29



2023 WFCCA Conference: "Play Your Own Tune"

- May 4-6, 2023

Hotel: Hyatt Regency 333 Main Street, Green Bay, WI

Reserve by April 6 for the special \$99.00/night rate!

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/GRBRG/G-WFCC>

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/WFCCA2023>



a project of **rooted**

NEW Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE) curriculum!

This resource was created to provide hands-on garden education trainings for ECE providers as well as support professionals. Roots in the Ground is a comprehensive Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE) curriculum created to guide in-person garden-based education and cooking trainings for ECE professionals. The curriculum is designed to help early childhood educators feel inspired and confident in gardening and cooking activities with young children.

The trainings focus on site evaluation and planning to start a small garden, as well as considerations for ECE-age appropriate gardening and cooking activities, including safety considerations, cultural connections, and garden sustainability. The curriculum, which connects with WMELS, YoungStar, and GoNAPSACC, also includes garden and cooking-related activity ideas, songs, poems, books, further resources, and more!

If you or your support team are interested in a train-the-trainer workshop on Roots in the Ground, please call 608-240-0409 or visit: <https://www.rootedwi.org>.

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Every Child Is Prepared To Thrive



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Childcaring is 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.

- Serving as a resource to potential and existing, regulated child care providers
- Helping families locate child care to meet their needs
- Working cooperatively with community partners to increase the supply of quality, affordable care

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Do you know someone who enjoys helping young children?

If yes, please share this information with them to join us virtually and learn how we can assist them. Bring Questions like:

What are the benefits of being regulated?
What classes or training do I need to get started?
How much would I charge families?

FREE Virtual Information Sessions on Child Care Start Up
Thursday, May 11 ~ 12:30pm-2:30pm
Register by: Friday, May 5
Call Childcaring at 1-800-628-8534 or scan this QR code.

You may be eligible for a Start Up Grant!

