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Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Limited Office Coverage M-Th

Additional office hours available
by appointment.

Our Mission

**Childcarings supports quality early
childhood education and care
by empowering a community of
individuals who care for and
nurture children.**

The Resource Connection

CALMING SPACES: Early childhood social-emotional collaboration efforts

Childcarings partnered with the Clark County Health Department (CCHD) to support the youngest learners in Clark County, children in child care center settings and a local elementary school district.

Utilizing COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant dollars intended to support community recovery, the CCHD purchased social-emotional items for Zion Lutheran Early Childhood Center, St. John's Lutheran Early Learning Center, Firehouse Friends, Central Clark County Community Child Care Center (7 C's), Granton Community Child Care Center, and Colby Elementary School to create calming areas/safe spaces. Some items the centers received included a sensory hideaway, cozy nest with pillows, breathing carpet squares, sensory and fidget items (balls, tubes, poppers, rings dolls, beanbags, and bottles), stacking cups, calm down cubes, moods and emotions board books, breathing boards, weighted stress relief stuffed animals, etc. Lori Shafranski, Childcarings' Early Childhood Consultant, assisted each center in setting up the calming areas and coached staff on supporting children in developing emotional literacy, friendship skills, and problem-solving strategies.

Lori said, "The centers were excited to receive the materials and the assistance in creating a calming area in their classrooms. It was great to see how the children interacted with the materials and the space that was created. I always enjoy collaborating with teachers as we work together to benefit the children."

Science shows the early years of a child's life are critical for later health and development. A child's experiences with other people strongly affect how their brain grows. When children are distressed, overstimulated, or dysregulated, the items in the calming areas can help support their social-emotional needs.

"Child care centers are valuable assets in our communities. They are the foundation for a healthy economy and have one of the most important roles in shaping the youngest minds for success, yet they receive minimal funding. When the CCHD was given an opportunity to help support our local child care centers, we quickly pursued the collaboration," stated Brittany Mews, Health Officer/Director.



CONGRATULATIONS!

NEWLY REGULATED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:

Munchkin Monkey's Daycare, Jenna Collins
Certified Family Provider, Wausau

Tiny Hearts Daycare, Charity Uhl
Licensed Group Provider, Amherst

Dorchester Head Start – ICAA
Licensed Group Provider, Dorchester

Medford Head Start – ICAA
Licensed Group Provider, Medford



General Registry Membership is now **FREE!** Anyone applying for general membership will no longer see a fee with the application. New individuals can join the Wisconsin Registry, as well as those renewing their membership can do so for **FREE!** *For those renewing with a current membership, there's no rush to renew now. We recommend waiting closer to your expiration date to apply.*

YoungStar Connect: YoungStar Connect provides and oversees all YoungStar services.

Statewide phone number: 1-833-YNG-STAR (964-7827)

Email: help@youngstarconnect.com

Here are the regional offices in the Childcaring service area:

Northern Region YoungStar Office — Rhinelander (Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Portage, Taylor, Wood Counties)

33 West Davenport, Rhinelander, WI 54501

Hours | Tue: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Thu: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

P: 1-888-653-2351

Coaching Manager: Danielle Weaver – dweaver@youngstarconnect.com

Northeastern Region YoungStar Office — Appleton (Marquette, Waushara Counties)

532 W. College Ave., Suite 102, Appleton, WI 54911

Hours | Tue: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Wed: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Thu: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

P: 1-920-644-5356

Coaching Manager: Waukeysha Williams – wwilliams@youngstarconnect.com

Southern Region YoungStar Office — Madison (Adams County)

2908 Marketplace Dr., Suite 103, Fitchburg, WI 53719

Hours | Mon: 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Tue: 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Wed: 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Fri: 12 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

P: 1-608-690-3025

Coaching Manager: Cassie Valdez – cvaldez@youngstarconnect.com

Western Region YoungStar Office — Eau Claire (Clark County)

505 S. Dewey St., Suite 208, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Hours | Tue: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Thu: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

P: 1-888-585-5958

Coaching Manager: Danielle Weaver – dweaver@youngstarconnect.com

For more information and contact info, visit: www.youngstarconnect.com/team

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:

Mary Olson at 715-344-1985 or molson65@live.net

Portage County Leaders:

Becky Helf at 715-346-4370 or bhelf@uwsp.edu

Taylor County: Meet the 3rd Monday of month

Kelly Emmerich at 715-465-0993 or kcemmerich03@gmail.com

Wood County:

Marshfield Area Child Care Association

Deb Decker 715-898-2220 or marshfieldshiningstars@gmail.com

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!"

WECA REWARD Stipends: Important Program Update

The REWARD Wisconsin Stipend Program provides vital supplemental financial support to early childhood educators who continue to work in an under-compensated and under-resourced field. The program annually facilitates the distribution of thousands of stipends to early childhood educators throughout Wisconsin with the goal of increasing compensation, improving the retention of early childhood educators, and encouraging continued education in the field.

The statewide REWARD Wisconsin Stipend Program requirements have been updated to include a new way to meet longevity criteria. Applicants now can be eligible by demonstrating six months at their program or six months in the field, making the program available to even more of Wisconsin's early childhood educators. Other eligibilities apply.

Share the information with staff or colleagues to ensure everyone gets their REWARD!

Get more details and review the application on WECA's website.

2024 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR CONFERENCE

The Power of Connections

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 9, 2024

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (CST.)

Northcentral Technical College - Wausau, WI

Attend in person or virtually

Registration opens December 1, 2023

Earn 5.5 CEUs

“When you connect to the heart of a child, everything is possible.”

– Dr. Karyn Purvis



**WORKFORCE TRAINING +
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

With
support
from:



Training Sessions:

Trust-Based Relational Intervention Training: *Practical tools, tips, and strategies to support caregivers with behaviors that feel challenging with Tony Iniguez*

This session offers practical tools for parents, caregivers, teachers, or anyone who works with children, to see the “whole child” in their care and help that child reach their highest potential. All children benefit from a nurturing, trusting relationship with a safe adult.



Wired & Tired: Supporting Our Own Wellness *with Angel Stoddard*

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.



To learn more + register, visit:
<https://bit.ly/ntc-early-childhood-2024>

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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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.

Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) Prevention Training for Child Care Providers – Presented Virtually

Gain awareness of AHT, its adverse consequences and how it is preventable.

- Thursday, February 1, 2024
- 12:00 PM-2:00 PM
- Register by January 28
- Thursday, April 11, 2024
- 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
- Register by April 7

AHA CPR w/ AED Childcaring – In person

Childcaring, 850 State Hwy 153, Ste F, Mosinee

The American Heart Association 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. All classes are 6:00-9:00 pm.

- Monday, January 29
- Monday, February 26
- Monday, March 25
- \$45 / Contact Childcaring to register

AHA First Aid Training – In Person

Childcaring, 850 State Hwy 153, Ste F, Mosinee

The American Heart Association 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. All classes are 6:00-9:00 pm.

- Monday, February 19
- Monday, February 18
- \$45 / Contact Childcaring to register

WeCOPE – Connecting with our Positive Emotions – Presented Virtually in partnership with UW-Extension

WeCOPE is an interactive program that helps adults cope with life stress. WeCOPE has been shown to reduce stress and depression, increase positive affect, and improve health behaviors. Managing life's challenges in healthy ways allows participants to take better care of themselves and others. This 6-week program for childcare providers will meet via Zoom once a week for 1 hour. An additional 10 minutes a day or one hour a week to practice the skills is expected for a total of 12 hours. Must attend all sessions from 6:30 – 7:30 PM

- Thursdays, January 18 & 25; February 1, 8, 15 and 22
- Free / Register by January 10 or scan QR Code

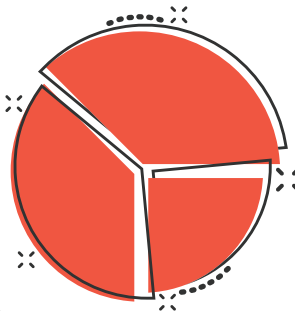


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Thank you to those that completed our training survey!

The results are in!!



When asked what type of training format you prefer
51% virtual, 11% in-person, 38% both

When asked what time format you prefer –
67% evening, 17% daytime, 11% Saturdays, 5% multiple all day

Hot topics! - Behaviors, Staff Management/morale/
retention, Science/Art/Math, Infant & Toddler,
Grants/funding opportunities



Private Contracts

Let us help you customize a professional development day!

Date and time of day –
that work best for your staff!

Cost – Price is individualized!

Variety of topics – Catered to your staff!

Examples include – Onsite assistance
with room arrangement, teacher café,
supervision, art, math, science, social-emotional strategies &
more!

Contact Childcaring (715-841-9490) today if you are interested in setting up a private contract for your program!

For more information, visit: <https://dpi.wi.gov/early-childhood/pec-conference>

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PROMOTING EARLY CHILDHOOD
2024 CONFERENCE:

Play is Life Long Learning

5
MARCH

Nature and Special
Education Pre-Conference

6 & 7
MARCH

Conference



Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
625 Rolling Meadows Dr.
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

PEC is an early childhood collaborative event
sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Public
Instruction in partnership with the Wisconsin Early
Childhood Collaborating Partners (WECCP).



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Vision

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



What happens at Virtual Parent Cafe?


Join us from the comfort of your home! Take some time for yourself and connect with others!

Parents gather together virtually over Zoom to talk, listen, and support each other with the ups and downs of parenting. Guided conversations use the Five Protective Factors that help build strong families.

Please make sure you have a working camera and microphone.

Thursdays
6:30-7:45pm
December 7th
January 11th
February 8th

SCAN



We will send a Zoom link to the email provided at registration the morning of the Cafe. Questions? Call Childcaring at 800-628-8534

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