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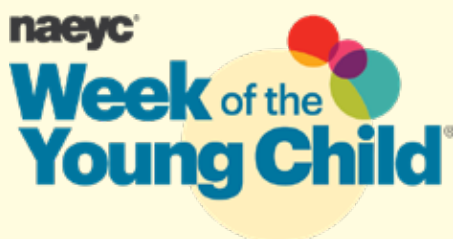
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Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm  
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by appointment.

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

# The Resource Connection

## Week of the Young Child - April 6-12, 2024



**#WOYC24**

A fun-filled week celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities. There is so much that children learn as they sing, cook, build, create art, and spend time 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: [www.naeyc.org/events/woyc](http://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc)



## Child Care Provider Appreciation Day Friday, May 10

Celebrate Child Care Appreciation Day with:  
**"An Evening of Gratitude and Giggles"**  
Monday, May 6, 2024 from 6:00-7:30 PM via ZOOM

### Our hosts... Kim and Jason:

Best friends, husband and wife, parents of three kids, entrepreneurs, authors, retro t-shirt wearers, and partners in crime on a crusade to annihilate Adulthood in ourselves and the world! Kim is a former kindergarten teacher and noodle junkie. Jason is an artist, professional speaker, and cereal aficionado. Together let's celebrate all you do for children & families. Enjoy uplifting, jubilant shenanigans and good silly fun designed to re-energize your spirit and heart.

### **Spoiler alert - There will be laughter!**

**\$1,500 in Gift Card Door Prizes will be drawn!**  
*(attendance required to be eligible)*

**Register: scan the QR code**  
**Questions: Contact 715-634-2299**  
**or [nwconnection@ncfrwi.net](mailto:nwconnection@ncfrwi.net).**



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## NEWLY REGULATED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:

**Tiffany Hiles**

**Certified Family Provider, Wisconsin Rapids**

**Jessica's Little Learners, LLC, Jessica Zavala**

**Licensed Family Provider, Wautoma**

**Creative Kids Family Child Care, Holly Kuechenmeister**

**Licensed Family Provider, Marshfield**

**Sunny Child Home Care, Sydney Kroening**

**Provisional Certified Family Provider, Wisconsin Rapids**

**Love Kids Family Child Care Center, Sherry Gutknecht**

**Licensed Family Provider, Athens**



Healthy Minds Healthy Children consultation program is available at no cost to early care and education professionals who are caring for children from birth up to age five. All young children benefit when their caregivers are healthy and able to manage stress well. Through trusting and reliable relationships, consultants build the capacity of adults and professionals to better support children's healthy development. In addition, a relationship with a mental health consultant contributes to a reduction in caregiver stress and promotes new ways of thinking, doing, and being within themselves and with the children they serve. To learn more visit [www.HealthyMindsWI.org](http://www.HealthyMindsWI.org)

**MONTHLY VACANCY UPDATES** are so important! As part of our referrals to parents, we'll now be offering program vacancy information.

We'll be drawing the name of a provider that updates vacancies **every month** for a **PRIZE**, even if you have zero openings. If your info is the same as the month before, select SUBMIT and you're done!

Do you need the unique link to your program? Just give us a call (715-841-9490) or email ([info@childcaring.org](mailto:info@childcaring.org)). Feel free to call in your vacancies, and we can update your profile too!



**Childcaring is now recruiting classrooms and family providers to participate in LENA Grow!**

See how much you are talking to the children in your care during this 10-week professional development opportunity. Each week, children wear a vest and device that counts conversational turns. Teachers participate in a coaching session each week to review their classroom data and learn helpful tips to increase conversational turns!

For more information, contact Andrea: [andrea@childcaring.org](mailto:andrea@childcaring.org)

## Provider Support / Advocate Groups

**Adams, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marquette & Waushara County:**

Contact *Childcaring* at 800-628-8534 if you're interested in developing an advocate group.

**Portage County:**

Mary Olson at 715-344-1985 or [molson65@live.net](mailto:molson65@live.net)

Portage County Leaders:

Becky Helf at 715-346-4370 or [bhelf@uwsp.edu](mailto:bhelf@uwsp.edu)

**Taylor County:** Meet the 3rd Monday of month

Kelly Emmerich at 715-465-0993 or [kcemmerich03@gmail.com](mailto:kcemmerich03@gmail.com)

**Wood County:**

Marshfield Area Child Care Association

Deb Decker 715-898-2220 or [marshfieldshiningstars@gmail.com](mailto: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!"

## Average Rates & Wages have been updated!

Visit our website to see the latest data.

<https://childcaring.org/toolsforproviders>

## QUEST Grant



You may be eligible for funding to support your early childhood career and education via the QUEST grant. This funding could help pay for CPR, SIDS, AHT, foundational training, credit courses, water tests for private wells, outdoor fencing, vaccinations for pets in the home, age appropriate indoor and outdoor play equipment, home and safety items, as well as health exams, TB tests, and more! To see if you might be eligible, scan the QR code; you can also contact the listed Career Planner assigned to your county, for more information.



# 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](http://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, April 11 ~ 12:00 pm-2:00 pm
- Register by April 7 / \$15 / Funding available to help pay for this course – contact [Rachele@childcaring.org](mailto:Rachele@childcaring.org) before registering.
- <https://go.wiregistry.org/register.aspx?evid=928912>

### American Heart Association (AHA) CPR w/ AED – In Person

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The 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. All classes are 6:00-9:00 pm.

- Monday, April 29
- Monday, May 20
- \$45 / Funding available to help pay for these courses - contact Childcaring to register!

### Strengthening Families through Early Care and Education with Mandated Reporter – Presented Online

This training will provide participants 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.

- May 16 – 22, 2024 (Self-paced)
- Register by May 12/ \$20 / Funding available to help pay for this course – contact [Rachele@childcaring.org](mailto:Rachele@childcaring.org) before registering.
- <https://go.wiregistry.org/register.aspx?evid=933399>

### Child Care Director Cohort – In Person

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Foster your professional learning in a setting where you can share your experiences and learn from a group of peers. Come together as child care directors to learn, discuss, and reflect in a small group setting.

- May 23, June 5 & June 20
- 12:30 – 2:30 PM
- Free / Register by May 19 (space is limited)
- <https://go.wiregistry.org/register.aspx?evid=936779>

## Upcoming statewide conferences:

UW-Whitewater Early Childhood Conference: April 5 & 6, <https://www.uww.edu/ce/ecc>

UW-Stout ECE Conference: April 19 & 20, <https://tinyurl.com/mup8ehtb>

WFCCA Family Child Care Conference: May 2-4, <https://wisconsinfamilychildcare.org/conference.shtml>

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Mind in the Making - In Person / Virtual

Join us for this virtual and in person book time discussion exploring the 7 essential life skills Every Child Needs. These skills are as important for adults as they are for children. Learn to promote the skills in children using hundreds of to-do suggestions. The driving force behind Mind in the Making is to keep the fire in children's eyes burning brightly and keeping their engagement in learning strong. Receive a free copy of the book!

- June 12, July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21, September 18, October 9
- In person sessions will be held at Stevens Point YMCA from 6:00-8:00 PM
- Virtual sessions held via zoom from 6:00-7:00 PM
- Registration information to come - watch your email!

## Informational Child Care Start Up Meeting Presented Virtually

### SHARE WITH A FRIEND!

Learn more about the process of becoming a regulated child care provider. Learn more about start up grants, different types of care, resources available, and available support through the start-up process.

Thursday, May 9

12:30-2:30 PM

Free/Register by May 5

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/startupmtg>

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<https://childcaring.org/newsletters>

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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

# Vroom

## Brain building moments

Parents and caregivers use Vroom to help kids learn in everyday situations.

You can add learning to mealtime, bath time, bedtime, or anytime!

A child's brain grows the fastest from birth through age 5! Helping them learn now gets them ready for school, friends, and life.

1,000+ Vroom Tips, and the brain science behind them, are right at your fingertips!

**For FREE Brain Building Activities,**

- Visit, [vroom.org](http://vroom.org);
- Download the Vroom: Early Learning app in Google Play or the Apple store; or
- Text VROOM to 48258