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**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

## Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program Round 5



### July 2024 – June 2025

The Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program Round 5 is a 12-month payment program that runs July 2024 – June 2025. ALL regulated child care programs are eligible to apply. Once approved for payments, eligible providers may continue to receive ongoing monthly payments, providing the financial stability they need to stay open, to recruit and retain qualified staff, and to continue providing high-quality care for children.

### Participation Deadline and Payments for Round 5

Similar to Round 3, Round 5 will have a Participation Deadline and fixed payments for the second half of the program. This structure is necessary to maximize payments for providers with the available funding and restrictions and guidelines for that funding.

**Participation Deadline – November 2024 Application Month:** Providers must be approved for funding during one of the first (5) months to be eligible for payments for the remainder of Round 5. The program’s funding will not allow for providers to join the program after the November 2024 application month during Round 5.

**Monthly Payments:** Due to the Participation Deadline in Round 5, payment amounts will change from attendance-based to fixed starting with the November application (12/6/24 payment).

### Attendance-Based Payments (July – November 2024 Application)

Payments will be variable for the first five (5) months of Round 5. Payment amounts will be based on child and staff counts entered in the application each month. Total payments for Programs A and B may change each month, depending on each provider locations child/staff counts.

### Fixed Payments (December 2024 – June 2025 Application)

Payment amounts will be fixed for the last seven (7) months of Round 5. Payments will be based on the highest child and staff count from any of the approved applications from July – November. Once approved for payments, payment amounts will not change, even if there are changes to child/staff counts.

The Child Care Counts programs are time-limited payment programs designed to provide assistance to child care providers in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Child Care Counts program is set to expire June 2025 unless new funding is allocated.

For more information, call DCF at 608-535-3650 or visit: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/payments/round5>

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## NEWLY REGULATED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:

**Building Blocks Childcare LLC-SA, Samantha Hicks**  
Licensed Group Center, Oxford

**Little Robins Early Learning, Samantha Zupon**  
Licensed Family Provider, Antigo

**Dollar C Family Child Care, Chong Xiong**  
Certified Family Provider, Weston

**Trinity Merrill Lutheran Early Learning Center, Lisa Johnson**  
Licensed Group Center, Merrill

## 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:

Family Child Care: 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

## LOOKING FOR STAFF?

Childcaring has FREE space for you to advertise your early childhood job openings in our Weekly Email.



We have **743** individuals that receive our weekly email every Thursday.

**Need to sign up?** Go here: <https://childcaring.org/newsletters>

## 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!"

## YoungStar Analysis and Update Project

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is conducting an analysis and update of the YoungStar Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). Help DCF understand how they can make YoungStar work best to meet your needs. Parents/caregivers, child care providers/educators, and other child care stakeholders (advocates, business leaders, researchers, etc.) are invited to take this survey.



**PROVIDERS: please share this opportunity (link/QR code) with the families in your care.** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L7YL8SC>

Visit this DCF website for more info, statewide listening sessions, and more: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/updates>

## MONTHLY VACANCY UPDATES

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

Every month we'll draw the name of at least one provider who updates their vacancies – 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!



## LICENSED Child Care Provider Survey

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) has created the following customer satisfaction surveys to learn more about how they're doing in serving licensed child care providers. The responses they receive will be compiled and reviewed by DCF staff to help improve services.

Your survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. Because your survey answers will be submitted anonymously, DCF staff will not know whether or not you responded. If you respond, DCF staff will not know what responses you submitted. Thank you for participating in the customer satisfaction survey!

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/clicensing/providersurvey>



# LENA GROW™

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)





# 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, July 18 ~ 12:30 pm-2:30 pm
- Register by July 14 / \$15
- <https://tinyurl.com/3ba6awy7>

More classes offered Aug 7, and Sept 19; watch for more info or contact Childcaring!

### AHA CPR w/ AED at Childcaring

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

- Monday August 26, or
- Monday September 30
- \$45 / Contact Childcaring to register.

### Art in Action: Tools to Support the Creative Process in Children – Presented Online

The training will walk providers through approaches on how adults can support children's creative experiences in art. Art will be explored through hands on activities. Additionally, participants will learn how to integrate art materials and concepts in learning experiences and exploration in their environment specific to the Environment Rating Scale.

- August 8 - 14, 2024 (self paced)
- Register by August 4 / \$20
- <https://tinyurl.com/bdhxkmyj>

### 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.

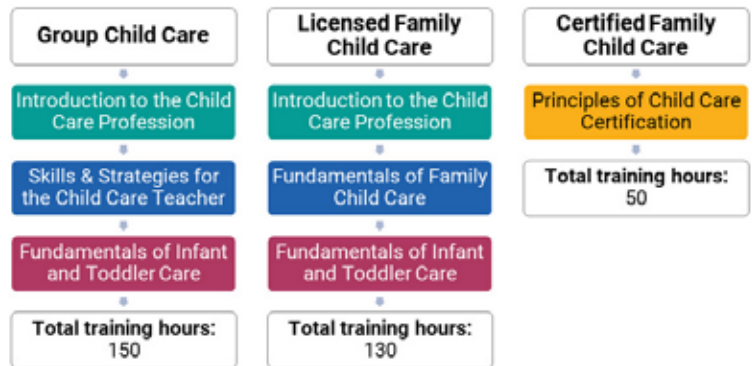
- September 26 – October 2 (Self-paced)
- Register by September 22 / \$20
- <https://tinyurl.com/2s3wcjfh>

### UPDATED Child Care Foundational Trainings (CCFT)

The Child Care Foundational Trainings (CCFT) are for any individuals looking to enter the child care workforce. These entry-level, DCF-approved noncredit courses will meet any of the educational requirements for certified and licensed child care programs.

The **Child Care Foundational Trainings** include the following noncredit trainings:

1. Introduction to the Child Care Profession: 50 hours
2. Skills and Strategies for the Early Childhood Education Teacher: 50 hours
3. Fundamentals of Infant and Toddler Care: 50 hours
4. Fundamentals of Family Child Care: 30 hours
5. Principles of Child Care Certification: 50 hours



Informational videos are available to learn more about the revised Child Care Foundational Trainings.

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/ccregulation/foundational-training>

Childcaring team members have been working to become approved trainers of the updated courses and are working with our CCRR Network to develop new content. We hope to begin offering the updated courses soon! The new courses will be offered face-to-face, either in-person or virtually.

Stay tuned to Childcaring for more information about the new/updated CCFT's.



## Save the Date

### 2024 WECA Conference

Oct. 10-12, 2024,  
Madison Marriott West, Middleton  
For more information:  
<https://wisconsinearlychildhood.org/annual-conference/>

### 2024 Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Conference:

October 28 & 29, 2024  
Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake  
For more information: <https://wiaimh.org/conference>

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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

### DO YOU...

- ENJOY WORKING WITH YOUNG CHILDREN?
- WANT TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS AND WORK FROM HOME?

### ATTEND A **FREE** VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL START-UP MEETING!

Information will be shared on screen. To achieve an optimal experience, reliable internet and technology, including video and audio is needed.

**THURSDAY, JULY 18**  
**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**REGISTER BY JULY 14**



Attend this session, then attend Abusive Head Trauma Prevention Training from 12:30-2:30 PM for **FREE**

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- \* GRANTS
- \* TYPES OF CARE
- \* RESOURCES
- \* SUPPORT THROUGH THE START UP PROCESS

**TO REGISTER CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE:**



An email will be sent prior to the start date that will include resources, information, and a link to log in for the meeting. If you do not receive an email, check your spam email and then contact Childcaring.

