

**Issue #60**

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**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

**It's almost time  
to VOTE!**

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024**

**Use [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)  
as a helpful resource!**



**Make sure your voter registration is up to date.**

- Make sure you're registered to vote.
- Have you moved? Make sure you register to vote at your new address!

**Research your ballot.**

- What or who will be on your ballot?
- Plan to vote in support of candidates and issues that uplift the things you and your loved ones need

**Decide in advance who and what you'll vote for.**

- Learn about candidates
- Learn about issues on your ballot and read the full ballot language ahead of time; get support if you don't understand exactly what it's saying.

**Make a plan to vote.**

- Will you vote on election day; or early, in person or by mail?
  - Choose a date and time to vote, and stick to your plan. Make a calendar invitation for yourself and stay committed to following your plan.
  - Make sure you have the correct form of ID
  - Do you need time off to vote?
- How will you get to your polling location? Or what mailbox or dropbox will you use to return your ballot?

**Vote!**

- It's your right to vote, and it's also your responsibility!

**Invite your family, friends, and network to vote.**

- Share resources and your reasons for voting

**Looking for resources to vote #ChildCareStrong?** Check out our national association, Child Care Aware of America: <https://www.childcareaware.org/voter-education-guide>

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## NEWLY REGULATED CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:

**Hysop Acres, Debbie Schmelling**  
Certified Family Provider, Wausau

**Wild Hearts Daycare LLC, Barbara Wilson**  
Licensed Group Center, Owen

**SWC YMCA Child Development Center, Tracy Vruwink**  
Licensed Group Center, Port Edwards

**Wausau Child Care -Thomas Jefferson, Kiara Glodowski**  
Licensed School Age, Wausau

## 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  
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

## GRANTS AVAILABLE THAT ASSIST INTERESTED APPRENTICES AND EMPLOYERS.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR APPRENTICESHIP**

# Make Your Classroom Their Classroom.

**FIND AND TRAIN WORKERS THROUGH APPRENTICESHIP**

### Why Early Childhood Educator Apprenticeship?

**On-the-Job Learning** Apprentices are full-time, paid employees trained by the employer's skilled teachers for 85-90% of the apprenticeship.

**Paid Related Instruction** 10-15% of the apprenticeship is completed in classes that are offered in person or remotely at many of the 16 Wisconsin Technical College System schools.

**Statewide Standards** This apprenticeship program follows standards that specify industry training and performance and build in flexibility for employers through contracts with the State of Wisconsin.

**Open a Future of Possibilities** Apprentices will train for roles such as lead teacher, earn credits toward higher education, and gain a nationally-recognized journeyworker credential. Employers gain qualified employees, trained the way they need.

**Earn While They Learn** Apprentices earn progressive wages while growing their skills and attending related instruction.

**Find out if you qualify for grant funding to launch your program.**

### Apprenticeship Works. In 2023:

- Wisconsin employers trained a record of 16,384 registered apprentices in over 250 occupations.
- Employers retained 92% of their apprentices.
- The number of early childhood educator employers and apprentices both grew over 200%.

### Get Started

Visit our website to launch your early childhood educator apprenticeship program.



Scan or visit [WisconsinApprenticeship.com](http://WisconsinApprenticeship.com) for more information.



## 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!"

## FREE Registry Memberships

The Wisconsin Registry offers resources and tools for individual early care and education professionals, trainers and technical assistance professionals, and those who manage a program or organization. No matter how you plan to use the Registry, creating a **FREE** account is your first step!



As of November 1, 2023, anyone applying for general Registry 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!

October is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month. In October and beyond, infant caregivers are encouraged to promote safe infant sleep and help raise awareness about ways to reduce the risk of SIDS.

HELP BABY SLEEP SAFE EVERY TIME!  
Keep pillows, blankets, toys, and stuffed animals out of baby's sleep space.

Learn more ways to keep baby safe during sleep at [safetosteep.nichd.nih.gov](http://safetosteep.nichd.nih.gov).



Keep it bare. Keep it safe. Keep it simple.

#ClearTheCrib

## Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Disease Chart

The wall chart includes important information about communicable diseases and/or conditions, including criteria for exclusion from school or group (such as child care). At this time, COVID-19 is not included in this chart. WCCD wall chart (26" X 38") may be available, at no cost, through your local health department, DHS regional office, or by email request. Childcaring also has a few copies available for pick up. Hard copies (26" x 38") can be ordered at no cost on the Childhood Communicable Disease webpage. <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/childhood-communicable-diseases.htm>





# 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](https://www.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.

### 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. Training includes This training includes Mandated Reporter which meets the licensing requirement of child abuse & neglect.

- October 10-16 (Self-paced)
- Register by October 6 / \$20
- <https://tinyurl.com/st7wzy3a>

### Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) Prevention Training for Child Care Providers with Mandated Reporter – Presented Virtually

Gain awareness of AHT, its adverse consequences and how it is preventable. This training includes Mandated Reporter which meets the licensing requirement of child abuse & neglect.

- Thursday, October 17 ~ 12:00 pm-2:30 pm
- Register by October 13 / \$20
- <https://tinyurl.com/2wv5ws28>

### American Heart Association CPR w/ AED – Presented 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 October 28 - <https://tinyurl.com/mpn3tv6x>
- Monday November 18 - <https://tinyurl.com/d8zakn5p>
- \$45 / Click links above to register.

### CPR in partnership with Northcentral Technical College - bringing more class options to you:

- Saturday, Nov. 2: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Wausau Campus
  - Saturday, Nov. 9: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Spencer Campus
  - Monday, Nov. 25: 4:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at the Medford Campus
  - Saturday, Dec. 14: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Antigo Campus
- AND MORE! For all the NTC info, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yj2a6r8w>

**DON'T MISS OUT!** Sign up for our email listserv and get training flyers sent to you. Looking for a specific training? **LET US KNOW!**

### 2024 WECA Conference

October 10 – 12, 2024 ~ Madison Marriot West, Middleton  
<https://wisconsinearlychildhood.org/annual-conference/>

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

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

### WI Child Care Administrators Association (WCCAA) – Mini Conference

November 7-8, 2024 ~ Best Western Plus Conference Center, Eau Claire  
<https://www.wccaa.org/conference>

### WI Out-of-School Time Conference 2024

November 12-13 ~ Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells & November 15 ~ Virtual  
<https://www.wiafterschoolnetwork.org/statewide-ost-conference>

## Save the Date ~ 2025 ECE Conferences!

### Promoting Early Childhood Conference

March 5-7, 2025 ~ Fond du Lac, WI  
<https://dpi.wi.gov/early-childhood/pec-conference>

### WFCOA Early Childhood Conference

April 10-12, 2025 ~ Green Bay, WI  
<https://wisconsinfamilychildcare.org/conference.shtml>

### 46th Annual UW Stout ECE Conference

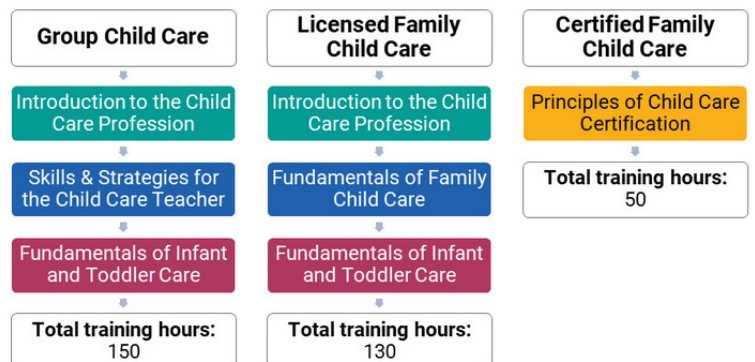
April 25-26, 2025  
<https://www.facebook.com/earlychildhoodeducationatStout>

## UPDATED Child Care Foundational Trainings (CCFT) have started AND more are coming your way!

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 new courses will be offered face-to-face, either in-person or virtually, or blended.

The Child Care Foundational Trainings include the following noncredit trainings:

- Introduction to the Child Care Profession: 50 hours – **Aug 22-Oct 31, and Oct 2-18**
- Skills and Strategies for the Early Childhood Education Teacher: 50 hours – **Oct 1-Nov 21**
- Fundamentals of Infant and Toddler Care: 50 hours
- Fundamentals of Family Child Care: 30 hours
- Principles of Child Care Certification: 50 hours



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*Childcaring would like to wish you and your family a  
happy holiday season! We look forward to working  
with you in the new year.*

## 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



## Good Start Grants (GSG)

Helping eligible families pay for child care!  
(up to 65% of child care tuition)

Families must reside in one of the following areas:

- Marathon or Portage Counties
- Marshfield area, including: Arpin, Auburndale, Chili, Granton, Greenwood, Loyal, Neillsville, Pittsville, Spencer, or Stratford
- Wisconsin Rapids area, including: Babcock, Nekoosa, Port Edwards, Rudolph, or Vesper.

To learn more about GSG, scan the QR code  
or call Childcaring!