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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

Child Care Resource & Referral Site Services

We are excited to share some important news about the future of Childcaring and the services we provide to this region!

Earlier this year, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) released the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) services across the state. We are proud to announce that we have officially received notification from DCF of their intent to award Childcaring, Inc. as the local CCR&R agency serving region 6 in central Wisconsin!

This means Childcaring will continue providing support, resources, training, technical assistance, and connections for child care providers, families, educators, and community partners throughout this region.

As we prepare for the next contract cycle, we want to thank all of you for your continued partnership and feedback. Your input helps shape the work we do and strengthens the early childhood system in the communities we serve.



Micki and Kelly getting ready to submit the grant application.

Serving: Adams | Clark | Langlade | Lincoln | Marathon | Marquette | Portage | Taylor | Waushara | and Wood Counties

For the first time in several years we do not have a new, regulated child care provider to report opening during the last quarter in our service area (10 counties in central Wisconsin).

Please, if you know someone that might be interested in providing child care, encourage them to connect with Childcaring and/or attend our [FREE Info Sessions](#):

DO YOU...

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

ATTEND A FREE VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL START-UP SESSION!

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

JOIN US ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES IN 2026 FROM 12:30 – 1:30 PM

- June 25
- July 9
- August 20
- September 24
- October 22
- November 19
- December 17



LEARN MORE ABOUT:

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

Supported by the WI Department of Children and Families (DCF) through Thriving Wisconsin & Other Miscellaneous Sources.

**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.

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Childcaring Staff Update: Welcome, Melissa!

Melissa brings over 12 years of experience in early childhood education, along with a strong background in supporting children with diverse needs and building meaningful partnerships with families. As a Central Wisconsin resident and mom of three boys, she understands the importance of creating supportive, family-centered environments where children can thrive. Throughout her career, Melissa has worked in various roles including lead childcare teacher and respite caregiver. These experiences have strengthened her passion for child development, inclusive support, and relationship-based care. Her hands-on experience working directly with children and families has given her a well-rounded perspective on the unique strengths and challenges families may face. Melissa recently graduated from UW-Stevens Point with her degrees in social work and sociology, further expanding her knowledge of child development, family systems, advocacy, and community-based support. In addition to her educational background, she completed an internship with child protective services, where she gained valuable experience working alongside families and community systems.

Melissa is excited to combine her experience in early childhood with her social work background to support children, educators, and families throughout our service area. She looks forward to building connections, collaborating with others, and continuing to make a positive impact in the lives of children and families.



TICK REMOVAL REPORTING FORM:

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services provides instructions for safe tick removal and even has a [“Tick Removal Reporting Form”](#) intended for situations where a tick was removed from a child. You can find this resource on the Department of Children and Families website under the Child Health and First Aid section:

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/ccregulation/providers>

That said, whether a provider *should* remove the tick often depends on:

- the center’s own written policies,
- staff training,
- parental consent/communication procedures,
- and the situation itself.

Programs might consider which approach will work best for them:

- remove only unattached/crawling ticks;
- contact the parent to remove it themselves because of liability concerns;
- or (with a signed parental permission form) notify the parent immediately, remove the tick using proper first aid procedures, and use the DHS reporting form.

Pediatric First Aid

Current providers employed before August 1, 2026 will be required to obtain the pediatric first aid training as specified in DCF 250.05(3)(em), 251.05(3)(cg), and 252.42(3)(em). Current providers must complete the pediatric first aid training by the date of their next CPR renewal, or November 1, 2026, whichever is later. If a current provider does not have a CPR certificate or their CPR certificate is expired, they must complete the pediatric first aid training by November 1, 2026.

Examples for guidance:

1. Provider A is required to renew her CRP certificate on 2/15/2027. Her pediatric first aid training is due 2/15/27.
2. Provider B’s CPR needs to be renewed on 10/12/2026. They have until 11/1/2026 to complete the training because it is later than their CPR renewal date.
3. Provider C’s CPR certificate needs to be renewed on 8/30/2026. He has until 11/1/2026 to complete the pediatric first aid training.



FIRST AID



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.

Pediatric First Aid & CPR w/ AED for Adults, Children & Infants – IN PERSON

This training fulfills DCF's rule revision, which requires all child care providers to complete pediatric first aid training within 3 months of certification, licensure, or hire date. Each class is held at the Childcaring office from 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Cost \$55 (HeartSaver workbook \$5 – optional)

- July 22 – Register here:
<https://go.wiregistry.org/v7/trainings/1012280/register>
- August 3 – Register here:
<https://go.wiregistry.org/v7/trainings/1012284/register>
- September 23 – Register here:
<https://go.wiregistry.org/v7/trainings/1014456/register>

WI Family Child Care Provider's "Teacher's Lounge" - VIRTUAL

This facilitated huddle helps family child care providers improve quality by sharing updates, ideas, and experiences. Sessions include information on Wisconsin regulations, YoungStar, and program changes, plus tools and strategies to support children and families, followed by a Q&A.

Each Teachers Lounge is free and held from 1:30-3:00pm on the following Tuesdays:

- July 21 – Register here:
<https://go.wiregistry.org/v7/trainings/1014143/register>
- August 25 – Register here:
<https://go.wiregistry.org/v7/trainings/1014144/register>
- September 22 – Register here:
<https://go.wiregistry.org/v7/trainings/1014145/register>

Like the Teacher's Lounge Facebook page to stay up-to-date on all things Family Child Care!



Emotion Regulation in Action: Science-Based Strategies for Early Childhood

A two-part virtual workshop created for child care providers! Earn 5 WI Registry Continuing Education Credits. Help young children manage big feelings. Join the UW–Madison Extension & Thriving Wisconsin for a hands-on virtual workshop with science-based strategies and practical tools you can use every day!

- July 23 & July 30, 2026 – 6:00-8:30 PM (must attend both);
Virtual, via Zoom
- Cost: \$20
- Register: <https://go.wisc.edu/eceworkshops>
- Questions? Contact: families@extension.wisc.edu

Introduction to the Child Care Profession (revised 2024) - Blended

This 50-hour training provides foundational knowledge and skills for individuals as they begin a career in caring for children and fulfills introductory noncredit course requirements as specified in DCF Chapters 202, 250, and 251 for Family and Group Child Care.

- August 3 – September 7; Required Face to Face sessions will be Virtual from 5:00 - 8:00 PM on: August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31
- Cost: \$150
- Register by 7/27: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/childcaringlCCP>

Check out the CCR&R Network Learning Hub!

Our free ondemand courses (English and Spanish) are designed to fit your schedule. Learn at your own pace with flexible, accessible modules you can start anytime. Each course includes clear learning objectives, interactive activities, and practical resources to support your professional growth—no deadlines, no cost, and no prerequisites. Perfect for learners who want highquality training with the freedom to move through content whenever it works best for them.

• **Child Guidance: Meeting DCF Licensing Standards:** Child guidance is more than responding to behavior—it involves creating safe, nurturing environments where children build relationships, develop social-emotional skills, and learn selfcontrol.

• **Licensing 101: Foundations of Wisconsin Child Care Licensing:** Gain a clear introduction to Wisconsin's child care licensing system, including the key manuals, common rule violations, and core responsibilities required for maintaining compliant, highquality early care and education programs.

• **Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy: Compliance Essentials:** Understand how the subsidy works, and what is required for compliance, helps you support families, protect your business, and stay aligned with state policy.

Sign up today - <https://learn.thrivingwi.org/>

**Child Care Resource
& Referral Network**

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COACHING SUPPORT AVAILABLE!

Childcaring is here to help! We offer free coaching support to help you understand and apply what you learn when enrolled in any of the Child Care Foundational Training, Child Guidance, Licensing 101, and Wisconsin Shares .

Coaching is available in several flexible formats to meet your needs:

- Short dropin sessions for quick questions
- 1:1 appointment for individualized guidance
- Small group discussions for shared learning and support

We encourage you to take advantage of these services as you move forward—they're designed to support you at every step.

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Vision

Every Child Is Prepared To Thrive

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Childcarings 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

CHILD CARE CERTIFICATION

Provide care for up to 6 children in your home!
Care for up to 3 children under 7 years of age in addition to children related to the provider.

Child Care is a dynamic and rewarding career choice!

- Stay home with your child and share in their milestones
- Make a positive impact on children
- Help your neighbors and community



Take the first step in becoming a child care provider!

Grow as a respected Early Childhood Professional!

Receive referrals to families looking for child care!



Help is available every step of the way!

- Childcarings can help you determine if Certification is the best fit for your career goals!
- Attend an Information Session to learn more:



Get started!

Contact Childcarings for one-on-one support with:

- Rules and regulations
- Training
- Application process
- Any questions



Childcarings provides certification in the following counties: Adams, Clark, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marquette, Portage, Taylor, and Waushara.

Access the benefits and protections that regulated child care provides!

- Choose your own schedule
- Own a small business
- Apply for start up funding
- Reimbursement for healthy foods
- Programs to help families pay for child care
- Grants, loans, and tax deductions
- Quality improvement programming
- Networking and resources