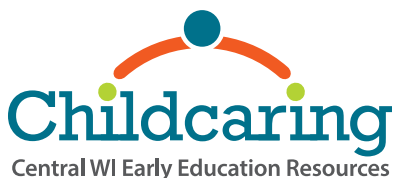




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Our Mission

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 Foundational Training's (CCFT's) Have a New Home: Welcome to PDN!

If you have taken—or are planning to take—a Child Care Foundational Training (CCFT), you may notice that things look a little different! The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) has transitioned Child Care Foundational Trainings to the Professional Development Network (PDN). As part of this change, participants will now use PDS Online to access and complete their CCFT coursework.

What does this mean for you? If you are registering for a CCFT, you will need a PDS Online account. Your account gives you access to your course materials, assignments, discussions, announcements, and other online learning activities.

What happens to the Wisconsin Registry? The Wisconsin Registry is still an important part of your professional development. Your completed training information continues to be connected to your professional training record. PDN/PDS Online is simply the new system being used to register for and complete CCFT coursework.

A New System—But You're Not On Your Own! We know learning a new system can come with questions. Where do I register? How do I find my course? Where are my assignments? Did I set up my account correctly?

Childcarings is here to help! Our staff can walk you through the new process, help you navigate PDS Online, find your training, and answer questions along the way. We've also created a step-by-step guide to make getting started even easier. You can find our PDN-CCFT Guide on the Childcarings website, Training page. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



While the system may be new, our commitment to supporting early childhood professionals hasn't changed. We're here to help you access the training you need and feel confident navigating the new process.

Have questions about CCFTs or the transition to PDN? Reach out to Childcarings—we're happy to help!

Looking for a CCFT? Start with [Childcarings's Training Calendar](#) for upcoming local options. If the dates don't work for you, check the [Child Care Resource & Referral Network Calendar](#) or [PDN Training Calendar](#) for additional courses, dates, and formats.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Newly Regulated Child Care Providers:

Kayla Henke, Little Tykes Academy
Licensed Family Child Care, Vesper

Colton Klesmith, YMCA Before & After School-JFKennedy
Licensed Group Child Care, Junction City



DCF Secretary Departs Evers Administration

Gov. Tony Evers announced Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) Secretary Jeff Pertl will be leaving the Evers Administration. Longtime leader at DCF, Deputy Secretary Nadya Pérez-Reyes will serve as acting secretary after Pertl's departure, which was effective September 4, 2026.

An online version of the Press Release is available [here](#).

Increase in FBI Fingerprint Background Check Fees

The cost of the FBI fingerprint check will increase by \$3.00 on October 1, 2026. An individual will pay \$40.75 via credit card or electronic check when scheduling their Fieldprint appointment online. The fee covers the cost of the Fieldprint fingerprint capture fee (\$7.75) and the cost of the FBI and DOJ fingerprint-based background check (\$33). **Fingerprint-based background checks must be completed using the [Fieldprint Wisconsin website](#).**

If you have questions regarding background check requirements, please contact the DCF Child Care Background Unit by calling 608-422-7400 or emailing DCFPlcBECRCBU@wisconsin.gov.

Online Licensing Manuals (Rulebooks) Are Live!

Updated licensing rules in effect as of August 1, 2026, are now available on the DCF website! You can access the updated licensing rules at www.dcf.wisconsin.gov or through the following links:

- [DCF 250 Family Child Care](#)
- [DCF 251 Group Child Care](#)
- [DCF 252 Day Camps for Children](#)

Printed copies of the manuals/rulebooks are not yet available for order. The department website will be updated with a link for orders once they become available.

DCF is developing downloadable document versions for individuals to print. Meanwhile, if you need a printed version of the new rules, you can print any DCF webpages as needed.

Commentary manuals are under review.

If you have any questions regarding the manual/rulebook webpages, please contact your assigned Licensing Specialist or your [regional licensing office](#).

Child Care Certification Rules & Standards and Checklist Updates

DCF 202 has been updated, and the Standards and Checklists are now available on the DCF website. You can access the administrative rules and updated Standards and Checklists at www.dcf.wisconsin.gov or through the following links:

- [DCF 202](#)
- [English Standards and Checklist](#)
- [Spanish Standards and Checklist](#)

Also visit the [Certification Training page](#) for information about pediatric first aid training requirements.

If you have questions regarding the updated rules, please contact your [certification agency](#).

Annual Business Information Form (BIF)

Complete it early and earn more!

- **By October 31:** \$45 Walmart eGift Card + entry to win a \$300 Lakeshore gift card
- **By November 30:** \$25 Walmart eGift Card + entry to win a \$100 Lakeshore gift card
- **By December 18:** Entry to win a \$100 Lakeshore gift card

Your BIF helps us:

- Track changes in child care rates and enrollment.
- Understand the impact of changes like the end of Child Care Bridge Payments and the launch of Get Kids Ready.
- Provide current information to help guide child care decisions across Wisconsin.

BIF Open: September 28, 2026–January 15, 2027

Watch for an email from CCRR_BIF@thrivingwi.org with your unique BIF link. Be sure to check your junk or spam folder if you don't see it in your inbox!

Need help? Contact Childcaring, email CCRR_BIF@thrivingwi.org, or call 608-443-2120.



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

Childcaring uses the [Wisconsin Registry](#) for training registration and [PDN](#) for CCFTs. Training details are sent to the email address connected to your account; if you don't receive an email, check your spam/junk folder or contact Childcaring.

Heartsaver First Aid / CPR / AED – In Person

Choose from the upcoming training options below. All courses cover First Aid, CPR, and AED for adults, children, and infants and include an American Heart Association certificate and WI Registry credit upon successful completion.

Childcaring, Mosinee | 5:00–8:30 PM

\$55 | Workbook \$5, optional

- [October 7](#) - [November 9](#) -OR, [December 10](#)

Northcentral Technical College (NTC)

\$61 | Textbook required

Wausau: October 3 & 29 • November 7 • December 1 & 5
Antigo: December 12

Details & Registration: <https://bit.ly/ntc-heartsaver-cpr>

Both trainings meet DCF requirements for pediatric first aid training within 3 months of certification, licensure, or hire.

Skills and Strategies for the Child Care Teacher (revised 2024) - Virtual with online learning

This 50-hour training prepares individuals to be successful in the role of a lead child care teacher in a child care setting and fulfills one of the introductory noncredit course requirements as specified in DCF 251 Licensing Rules for Group Child Centers.

- Face to face sessions: Monday's October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2
- 12:00-2:00 PM: Instructor Led Learning (required)
- 2:00-3:00 PM: Homework Support & Questions
- Cost: \$90
- Register by October 2nd [here](#).

WI Family Child Care Association (WFCCA) Mini Conference – In Person

AM SESSIONS:

Behavior IS Communication, and
The Power of Connection: Building your FCC Village

PM SESSIONS:

The Family Child Care Hotseat, and
Beyond the Bubble Bath - Self-care for FCC Professionals

- Saturday, October 10, 2026, 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM at Childcaring Office, Mosinee
- \$30 – AM only (no lunch); or \$50 – AM & PM (lunch included)
- For more information and to Register click [here](#)!

Fundamentals of Infant & Toddler Care (revised 2024) – Virtual with online learning

This training provides foundational knowledge and skills training for individuals as they begin, or consider, a career in caring for children in the infant and toddler age groups and fulfills introductory noncredit course requirements as specified in DCF Chapters 250 and 251 for Family and Group Child Care

- Face to Face sessions: Wednesdays, October 14, 21, 28, November 4, and 11
- 5:00-7:00 PM: Instructor Led Learning (required)
- 7:00-8:00 PM: Homework Support & Questions
- Cost: \$90
- Register by October 11th [here](#).

Mini-Conference for Hmong-Speaking Providers - Virtual

- Saturday, December 19, 2026 | 9:00 AM–4:00 PM
- Cost: \$25 | 1-hour lunch on your own
- Register [here](#) by December 16

Brain-Based Approach to Behavior

Discover what's happening in a child's brain during challenging moments and how stress can affect behavior, learning, and connection. Learn practical strategies to recognize fight, flight, and freeze responses, support emotional regulation, repair relationships, and build children's resilience through connection, breathing, mindfulness, and play.

Strengthening Families with Mandated Reporter

Learn how the Five Protective Factors can strengthen families and how to put them into practice in your early care and education program. Explore practical strategies and resources you can use to support children and families. SCAN-MRT Mandated Reporter training is included.

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"The Huddle" for Family Child Care Providers – Virtually

Facilitated by Mary E Olson, Little Sneakers Family Day Care. 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.

- [October 27](#), [November 24](#), [December 22](#)



Childcaring would like to wish you and your family a happy holiday season!

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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

During Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month, join Safe to Sleep® and its partners in spreading the word about #SafeSleep for babies.



SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT SAFE INFANT SLEEP!

Show others your safe infant sleep skills by setting up a space that is:

- Free of bumpers, pillows, blankets, and toys
- A firm, flat, and level surface covered only by a fitted sheet
- In the same room where the parents or caregivers sleep

Learn more about fun ways to spread the word about safe infant sleep at safetosleep.nichd.nih.gov

