

# THE RESOURCE CONNECTION

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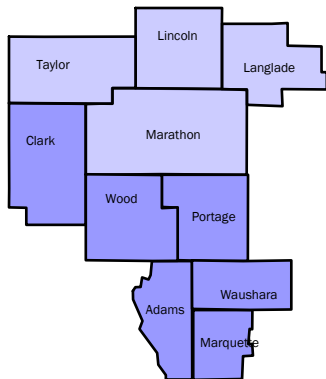
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YoungStar is designed to reward quality child care providers, and to give a financial incentive to providers who show continuous improvement. It will ensure that providers who are operating within state regulation and exceeding the minimum requirements, will be rewarded and benefit from a higher quality rating. All providers that serve children who receive Wisconsin Shares subsidies will be required to participate in YoungStar, sign a Wisconsin Shares Contract and will be rated.



The Department of Children and Families would like to remind all providers that applications for YoungStar are available online. As a reminder, Providers will need to complete an application by June 1, 2011, or you will not be able to receive a Wisconsin Shares Subsidy after July 1, 2011. Providers are encouraged to access the application forms online at the following location:

- For Group Providers: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/forms/pdf/2591.pdf>
- For Family Providers: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/forms/pdf/2590.pdf>

In addition, providers must complete a YoungStar Participation Request Form. This can be found online at: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/forms/pdf/2587.pdf>.

Both the Application Form and the YoungStar Participation Request Form must be returned to their YoungStar Regional Office. Through the Request for Proposal process, DCF selected "The Consortium" to administer YoungStar in each of the six regions that are geographically based on the Department's regional structure. The Consortium will work with existing and new local training and technical assistance providers to deliver services to providers within the regions. These locations can be found at: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/map/default.htm>.

A Provider Tip Sheet has been developed to help providers prepare for a YoungStar rating: [http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/pdf/provider\\_tip\\_sheet.pdf](http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/pdf/provider_tip_sheet.pdf)

You can find additional information regarding YoungStar at, <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/default.htm>

After you have completed your application/contract, please submit both forms to your YoungStar regional office.

**If you do not have internet access**, you can call 1-888-713-KIDS, or your local CCR&R for applications and regional contact information

**Programs located in Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, and Taylor Counties – submit to:**

Child Care Connection, 407 W. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452

**Programs located in Adams, Clark, Marquette, Portage, Waushara, and Wood Counties - submit to:**

CCR&R of Central WI, 210 E Jackson St, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

**Be sure that both forms are complete and include original signatures.**



# BULLETIN BOARD

## Safe Infant Sleep

Unsafe sleep environments led to over 50% of the infant deaths in Wisconsin last year. This number is alarming because every one of the deaths could have been prevented had the appropriate sleep environment been used. A consistent safe sleep message in the community is critical. Always demonstrate and teach parents the ABC's of safe sleep:

- Alone in their crib
- Back to sleep
- Cover me not

Many communities have a Cribs for Kids program available to help parents obtain a safe crib for their baby. The program is part of a national network, and they provide Pack 'N Play cribs to families in need. Each program has different eligibility criteria; call your local health department or email [tzastava@co.wood.wi.us](mailto:tzastava@co.wood.wi.us) for more information.

### Items for Sale...

60" Flower shaped Red Adjustable table with 6 Red durable plastic chairs on steel frames. Excellent Condition. - \$75.00

4-Hanging Rest Mats: 2" thick foam covered in durable, washable, easy to sanitize vinyl. 3 mats are like brand new; 1 has a small rip but that does not compromise the sanitation factor. \$10.00 each (\$30.00 new); \$8.00 for the one with the rip; Purchase all together: \$35.00.

**For more information contact:**  
**Angie Van De Voort @ 715-218-5323**

## Aspirus Wausau Hospital & Safe Kids Car Seat Safety Class

Come learn how to:

- choose the appropriate car seat for your child
- properly install a car seat in your vehicle
- properly adjust the car seat to fit your child
- check your car seat for expiration dates and recalls

The class is FREE and open to expecting, new or experienced parents, grandparents, or caregivers.

For class dates and registration information, please call the Aspirus Information Center at 715-847-2380.

## Stay CONNECTED with CCR&R's

With all the exciting trainings and information coming up, we send a lot of information out via e-mail. Please be sure to update your email address with us!

Call us, or send us an email! See the front cover of this newsletter for contact information

For more training information, visit us at:

[www.childcareconnectioninc.org/trainingcalendar](http://www.childcareconnectioninc.org/trainingcalendar)

## Environment Rating Scale Books available!

**ECERS-R:** (Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised)

*A thorough revision of the ECERS, designed to assess group programs for preschool-kindergarten aged children, from 2 through 5 years of age.*

**ITERS-R:** (Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised)

*A thorough revision of the ITERS, designed to assess group programs for children from birth to 2 ½ years of age.*

**FCCERS-R:** (Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale-Revised)

*A thorough revision of the FCCERS, designed to assess family child care programs conducted in a provider's home.*

**Call us for pricing and shipping information!**

**800.628.8534**

*Environment Rating Scale books are also available in our resource library*

## WECA now offers Professional Development Support

*Are you trying to decide what professional development choice you should make to help you reach your goals? Or to help you reach the benchmarks in YoungStar? Do you wonder if higher education is right for you? WECA is here to help with a NEW, free professional development planning service!*

To get started call WECA at 800.783.9322 ext 7240 or visit us on the web at [www.wisconsinearlychildhood.org](http://www.wisconsinearlychildhood.org)

## Keep up-to-date with the Department of Children & Families!

*The Department uses the Child Care Email Subscription list to communicate to the public on the following topics: child care licensing, Wisconsin Shares Subsidy, YoungStar Quality Rating and Improvement system, grants, provider certification, manual releases, and other child care topics.*

Sign up today at:

<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/listserv/default.htm>

# PROVIDER TRAINING

## Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Training

Monday, January 17th, 2011

6:00-7:30 PM

At: CCR&RCW Office—210 E Jackson St, WI Rapids

**Pre-registration is required: Cost: \$15.00**

Contact CCR&RCW for more information: 715-423-4114

*Mid-State Technical College*

Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid CPR/  
AED Adult/Child/Infant

Stevens Point Campus: February 16th & 17th, 2011  
5:30 pm- 9:30 pm

WI Rapids Campus: April 5th & 12th, 2011  
5:30 pm- 9:30 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Knolinski,  
Division Assistant at 715.422.5475

## **Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS)**

Friday February 25th and Saturday February 26th  
8:30am—4:30pm (both days)

At Grace Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids

Cost: \$30

For more information contact CCR&RCW at 715.423.4114

Space is limited

*Collaborative Early Childhood Leadership Forum:*

### **Preserving Early Childhood**

Guest Speaker: John MCKnight

March 8th & 9th, 2011

*(Tours of Collaborative Sites: March 7th)*

Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, Stevens Point

Watch your mail for registration materials

### **Provider Support / Advocate Groups**

#### **Adams County**

Adams County Early Childhood Education Council- Kelly Allen at 608.339.2868

#### **Clark County & Marquette County**

Contact CCR&R if interested in developing an advocate group at 800.628.8534

#### **Portage County**

Portage County Child Care Association — Joan Garski at 715.341.5873

Portage County Leaders- RoxAnne Forrest at 715.342.2999

#### **Waushara County**

Contact Krista Sobieski at 920.566.0545

#### **Wood County**

Marshfield Area Child Care Association— Krisann Mauritz at 715.387.2218

Wisconsin Rapids Child Care Advocates Council— Kitty Gross at 715.421.1092

## **We're Not Broken:**

### **Empowering Labeled Students**

*Supporting parents in celebrating the strengths, gifts,  
& talents of their exceptional child.*

Speaker: Jonathan Mooney

January 11th, 2011 ~ 6:00-8:00 PM

Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, WI Rapids

**FREE to anyone who wishes to participate!**

## **The Importance of Play**

March 8th, 2011

6:30 – 8:30pm,

Streitel Conference Center,

St Joseph's Hospital, Marshfield

**FREE** (part of the Caring Hands Series)

Contact CCR&RCW for registration

## **Pyramid Model Training Series**

*A Model for Supporting Social Competence  
and Preventing Challenging Behavior in Young Children*

January 20th and 27th

February 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th

March 3rd and 10th

**You must attend every class to complete the series.**

Each class will be from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at  
Trinity Learning Center, Stevens Point.

Cost: \$50 per person for the entire series.

For registration, contact CCR&RCW at 715-423-4114

*Space is limited!*

## **Building Relationships with Children and Youth Who Challenge Us – Better Kid Care Series**

Thursday, January 13th, 2011

6:30 – 8:30pm

Wood County Courthouse Auditorium, Wis. Rapids.

Presented by: Connie Eisch, Wood County  
UW-Extension Family Living Agent.

**FREE** Call or e-mail CCR&RCW to register.

*This presentation will also be offered on March 28 at  
Tiny Tiger in Marshfield in conjunction with  
Children's Service Society.*

# PROVIDER TRAINING

## Heartsaver CPR Training w/ AED

**Monday, February 21st, 6:00pm-9:30pm**

Location: YWCA, 613 5th St, Wausau

**Monday, March 14th, 6:00pm-9:30pm**

Location: CCC, 407 W Main St, Merrill

**Cost: \$45** per person (includes workbook & CPR card)

Each program is required to purchase one Heartsaver CPR/AED workbook. You will be asked to complete the Review Questions, found in the book, prior to class.

*Group Centers that have 8 staff needing training, contact CCC—the instructor may be able to come to your center. (Mileage rates may apply)*

Register—(deadline is one week before each class) call CCC at 715.539.9779.

## **Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) Overview**

Thursday, January 27th, 2011

6:00pm-8:30pm

Wausau Family Resource Center, Wausau

Contact CCC for more information 715.539.9779

## **CESA # 9 Training Opportunities**

*Using Digital Cameras as an Observation Tool In Early Childhood Environments*

Friday, January 28th, 2011

*Early Childhood Sign Language for Young, Hearing Children*

Friday, March 25th, 2011

**Both trainings held from 9:00am-3:30pm at CESA #9, Tomahawk**

For more information contact Stephanie Lulich at 715.682.2363 ex 141

### **Make & Take Madness!**

*This is more than just ideas... you'll actually take home finished projects you can use the very next day!*

*\*please bring scissors, glue sticks, crayons and/or markers*

Monday, January 31st, 2011 ~ 7:00—8:00 PM  
Marathon County Public Library, Wausau

Cost: \$10.00—payable to and mailed to CCC by Jan 21st

**You need to register to receive materials and a certificate!**

**REGISTER!** Call 715.539.9779 and send \$10 to:  
CCC 407 W Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452

*This workshop is hosted by Krystal Pijan, Pammy Haefner, and Peggy Bliese—professional, family child care providers.*

## **Q-Net: Quality Networking for Early Childhood Professionals**

**Locations:** Medford Head Start

**Light Meal at 5:30; Training from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

*January 13th, 2011: Literacy in Transition & Self Care Routines*


*February 10th, 2011: Children's Literature & Literacy*

*March 10th, 2011: Making Classroom Books*

**Cost:** \$5 per session

**Pre-registration is required;** contact CCC at 715.539.9779

Future training dates: April 7th - Chippewa Valley  
Month of the Young Child - Location to be determined

|  <b>Northcentral Technical College</b><br><b>Early Childhood Continuing Education Opportunities</b>                                                                                                                                |         |                |      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------|------|
| Shaken Baby Syndrome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1/24/11 | 6:30pm-8:00pm  | \$12 |
| SIDS, Child Abuse & Neglect                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2/1/11  | 6:00pm-9:00pm  | \$19 |
| Facing the Challenge:<br>Understanding Children with<br>Challenging Behavior (Wausau)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2/5/10  | 8:30am-4:30pm  | \$49 |
| Autism Defined                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2/23/11 | 6:00pm-9:00pm  | \$19 |
| Shaken Baby Syndrome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2/26/11 | 9:00am-10:30am | \$12 |
| SIDS, Child Abuse & Neglect                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3/5/11  | 9:00am-12:00pm | \$19 |
| Shaken Baby Syndrome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3/17/11 | 6:30pm-8:00pm  | \$12 |
| Commonly Pursued Methods<br>of Treatment for Autism                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3/24/11 | 6:00pm-9:00pm  | \$19 |
| SIDS, Child Abuse & Neglect                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 4/9/11  | 9:00am-12:00pm | \$19 |
| I Think My Child Has<br>Autism Now What?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 4/27/11 | 6:00pm-9:00pm  | \$19 |
| Shaken Baby Syndrome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 4/30/11 | 9:00am-10:30am | \$12 |
| Autism Class Strategies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 5/12/11 | 6:00pm-9:00pm  | \$19 |
| SIDS, Child Abuse & Neglect                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 5/17/11 | 6:00pm-9:00pm  | \$19 |
| Shaken Baby Syndrome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 5/19/11 | 6:30pm-8:00pm  | \$12 |
| (Most classes available ITV, call NTC for more information)<br>(ITV Campuses: Antigo, Medford, Phillips, Spencer, & Wittenberg)<br><b>REGISTER</b> online at <a href="http://www.ntc.edu/wls/register">www.ntc.edu/wls/register</a> or by phoning the<br>Wausau campus at 715.675.3331 x 5861, or your local campus. |         |                |      |

### **Provider Support / Advocate Groups**

**Langlade County:** Meeting times to be determined.

For more information contact, Donna Murra at 715.350.4159

**Lincoln County:** Meeting times to be determined.

For more information contact, Karen Grund at 715.536.9058 or  
Dolly Tanck at 715.536.7581

**Marathon County:** Contact CCR&R if interested in developing an  
advocate group at 715.539.9779

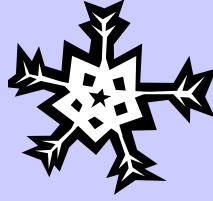
**Taylor County:** 3rd Monday of month -

For more information, call Kelly Emmerich at 715.748.6192.

# ACTIVITY CENTER

## Snowflake Headbands

Need: paper, stickers, stamps, crayons, white doilies, glue



Directions: Take a long strip of 3" wide paper decorated with stamps, stickers, or crayons. Cut up small pieces of a white doilies. Glue the dollies to the strip. When dry fit around the child's head and tape or glue.

## Crunchy Snowballs

6 cups rice crispy cereal  
1/4 cup margarine  
one 10 oz package marshmallows  
powdered sugar

Follow microwave directions for making rice crispy treats. Allow mixture to cool but not harden. Let children mold in to snowballs and then shake in baggie filled with powdered sugar.

## Dancing Musical Feet



Lay a large sheet of white paper on the floor. Paint the children's feet with any color paint. Turn on the music and let the children dance on the paper. Tada! Dancing Musical Feet!

*FYI: CCC has a large roll of white paper-FREE*

## Heart Hugs

Paper, white paint, hole punch, scissors, yarn

Paint children's hands with white paint. Stamp this on red construction paper hearts. Punch a hole in the bottom end of each heart. Have children spread arms wide and measure this with a piece of yarn and cut. Attach this yarn to each heart.



Attach the following poem.

*Wrap these hands around you whenever I'm away,  
so you can have a hug from me anytime of day!"*

Winter Is the Warmest Season  
by Lauren Stringer

My Heart Is Like a Zoo  
by Michael Hall

Hearts & Stars (Artbaby)  
by Chez Picthall

Indestructibles Wiggle! March!  
by Kaaren Pixton



## Melting Snowman

3 large balloons , 1 large bowl, 1 medium bowl, 1 small bowl, salt, water table or large plastic container, accessories for snowman (hat, scarf) felt cut into shapes for eyes, nose, mouth and buttons



Fill the balloons with water so each one will fit into the bowls. Freeze until solid. Remove the balloon pieces and take the solid ice balls and place one on top of the other by placing the largest one inside the water table and the other two balls on top. Use salt on the bottom of the table and in between the ice balls to help them fuse together. Now add the snowman accessories (they stick right on the ice). Enjoy and watch the snowman melt over time.

## Frost

Sung to: "The farmer in the Dell"

The frost is on the roof  
(point hands over head)

The frost is on the ground  
(point to the floor)

The frost is on the window  
(make a window with your hands)

The frost is all around  
(make large circles with hands)

## Lucky Clover Snack

Need: Cucumber slices, cream cheese, celery sticks, green food coloring.

Tint the cream cheese with food coloring. Place a dollop of cream cheese in the center of a plate. Wedge four cucumber slices into the cream cheese to resemble a four-leaf clover. Insert a celery stick at the bottom for a stem



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**MISSION:** *To be the key resource of comprehensive services to enhance quality child care in Central Wisconsin.*



“Each day of our lives we  
make deposits in  
the memory banks  
of our children.”

Charles R. Swindoll

**CCR&R Office Services**

Available for child care providers.

Laminator: 75 cents per foot

Copier: 10 cents per white copy

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