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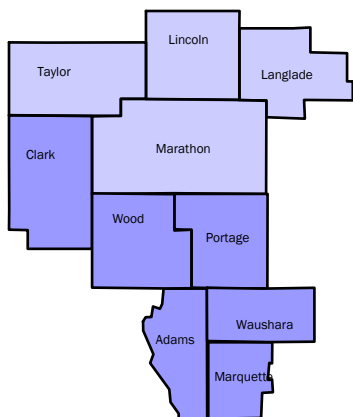
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## Early Care and Education in the Governor's 2011-13 Proposed Budget

Three Key Items:

### 1. Cuts to Child Care: Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program

Wisconsin Shares helps low-income working families afford child care. The Governor's budget would dramatically reduce funding for this program by over \$112 million in each year of the biennium, from the \$402.5 million base in fiscal year 2011 to \$290 million in 2012 and \$288 million in 2013. The cuts would be achieved by:

- Implementing a waiting list, increasing copayments, tightening eligibility, and adjusting payment rates to child care providers
- Paying lower rates to child care programs rated at the 2-star level (on a 5-star scale) in the YoungStar quality rating and improvement system
- Disqualifying child care programs who receive a low rating (1-star) in YoungStar.

Even though there has been significant savings in Wisconsin Shares over the last two years, these additional cuts have been made. A major factor leading to these cuts was the shifting of \$111 million of federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funding away from child care and the W-2 program to pay for Earned Income Tax Credits, freeing up state general funds for other uses.

### 2. YoungStar Changes: Tiered Reimbursement Reductions

YoungStar is a program begun in 2010 to help child care programs improve their quality and to provide ratings on a 5-star scale. The initial design for YoungStar, approved by the Joint Finance Committee in 2010, included fiscal incentives to programs that met higher quality standards—a tiered reimbursement system. The Governor's budget would implement the tiered reimbursement system, which makes Wisconsin Shares payments based on the quality rating of a program, but with significant changes that would reduce quality incentive payments for 3-5 star programs and reduce payments to 2-star-rated programs. The changes are shown below:

YoungStar Rating of Child Care Provider	Impact on WI Shares Payment: Initial Plan	Impact on WI Shares Payment: Governor's <b>proposal</b>
One Star	No Reimbursement	No Reimbursement
Two Stars	No Change	<b>5% REDUCTION</b>
Three Stars	5% increase	No Change
Four Stars	10% increase	5% increase
Five Stars	25% increase	10% increase

### 3. Impact on 4-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K)

Four-year-old kindergarten across the state is likely to be affected by the (more than) \$800 million in cuts to public schools in the Governor's budget. 4K is funded through the school funding formula, which is taking a significant cut. Currently 85 percent of school districts offer 4K.

Feel free to contact your legislators or governor's office and comment about how the proposed budget would affect you and the work you do.

<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx> or <http://walker.wi.gov/>

Legislative Hotline: 1-800-362-9472

**We'll do our best to keep you informed.**



# BULLETIN BOARD

## Welcome to Child Care Resource & Referral

### Kristine Manternach ~ CCRRCW

Hi my name is Kristine Manternach and I am the new Quality Improvement Specialist/YoungStar Consultant. It is my pleasure to be a part of the YoungStar initiative and the CCRRCW team. I have been hard at work learning and developing ways to best support our Child Care Providers through YoungStar. I am married and have two wonderful daughters. They keep me very busy with soccer practices and dance classes. I have a BS in Human Development and Family Studies from UW-Stout. I have worked with families extensively for several years. My work experience includes Early Head Start Coordinator, Family Advocate, Family Service Worker, and Birth to Three Coordinator. I've enjoyed several years supporting families in a Family Resource Center through trainings, workshops, and play groups. I am passionate about working as a team to nurture our children and families. Together we make a difference!

### Mary Olson ~ CCC

My name is Mary Olson and I am the Quality Improvement Specialist/YoungStar Consultant at Child Care Connection. Some of you may remember me from my past opportunity to work for Child Care Connection as the Resource Specialist. I am very happy to be back and working with all of you again! My educational background includes a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from UW-Stevens Point and a Master's Degree in Leadership in Applied Teaching and Learning from UW-Green Bay, and an Administrator's Credential from Nicolet Area Technical College. I have been working in the ECE field for over 25 years. During that time, I have worked with all age groups, and have worked in both group centers and family child care. I have been a classroom teacher as well as a child care director and administrator. I also teach early childhood classes at several local colleges. I am looking forward to helping all of you get ready for YoungStar and hope that my education and experience will be benefit all of our providers! Please let me know how I may assist you.

Your friends at CCR&R of Central Wisconsin and Child Care Connection would like to thank you and let you know how much we appreciate all you do for children, families, and the community.

**You make a difference!**

May 6, 2011



**PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**

### REMINDER:

YoungStar Applications & WI Shares Contracts are due **BEFORE** June 1st for continued child care assistance reimbursement from the state/county.

### CPSC Approves Strong New Crib Safety Standards To Ensure a Safe Sleep for Babies and Toddlers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) voted unanimously to approve new mandatory standards for full-size and non full-size baby cribs as mandated by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA). The federal crib standards had not been updated in nearly 30 years and these new rules are expected to usher in a safer generation of cribs.

CPSC has recalled more than 11 million dangerous cribs since 2007. Detaching drop-side rails were associated with at least 32 infant suffocation and strangulation deaths since 2000. Additional deaths have occurred due to faulty or defective hardware. These new standards aim to prevent these tragedies and keep children safe in their cribs.

Effective June 2011, if a daycare facility is currently using a drop side crib, they will have 24 months to replace that crib with a new one that meets the new standards

To view the full press release please visit:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSC/PUB/PREREL/prhtml11/11074.html>

For more information on crib safety and safe sleep environments for baby, visit CPSC's crib information center at: [www.cpsc.gov/info/cribs/index.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/info/cribs/index.html)

### 2010 Taxes

#### Standard Meal Allowance Rates

Breakfast: \$1.19  
Lunch/Supper: \$2.21  
Snack: \$0.66

Standard Mileage Rate: \$0.50 per mile

## Week of the Young Child

April 10 - 16, 2011

For weekly activity ideas, visit [www.childcareconnectioninc.org/activities.pdf](http://www.childcareconnectioninc.org/activities.pdf)

# PROVIDER TRAINING

## The Importance of Play

Training presented by *Tonya Glamann*,  
Early Interventionist for Wood County Birth to 3

We know that children learn many skills through play. Now, learn about the research in "Play Theory" and how to foster positive development in all areas through play. All participants will receive inspirational posters, and an in depth activity book full of hands on activities to take back to your program!

Wednesday, April 13th, 2011 ~ 6:30-8:30pm

Multi-Purpose Room, McMillan Library, WI Rapids

Training is free of charge. To register please contact CCR&R of Central WI at 715-423-4114

*Registry certificates will be available for continuing education for child care providers. Attendees will receive a free children's book while supplies last.*

## Giving your Best: Making Secure Attachments

Presented by: *Connie Eisch*

*Learn what you can provide for children today to prepare them to be successful adults tomorrow.*

Monday, May 2nd, 2011 ~ 6:00-8:00 PM  
Wood County Courthouse Auditorium, WI Rapids  
To register, contact CCR&RCW at 715.423.4114

OR

Monday, June 13th, 2011 ~ 6:00-8:00 PM  
Tiny Tiger Intergenerational Center, Marshfield  
To register, contact Children's Service Society / MF FRC at 715.387.2729

Cost: Free (part of the "Better Kid Care" Series)  
**Pre-registration is required**

MSTC plans to offer the Inclusion Credential face-to-face in Marshfield beginning this summer.			
Course	Catalog #	Class #	Day/Date/Time
Children with Differing Abilities	10-307-187	40780	Tuesday 6/7/11-8/3/11 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Behavioral & Emotional Challenges*	10-307-144	63083	Tuesday 9/13/11-12/6/11 5:00-9:00 p.m.
Special Health Care Needs	10-307-146	TBD	TBD
Capstone: Family & Team-Centered Practices**	10-307-149	TBD	TBD
*Prerequisite: Children with Differing Abilities ** Prerequisites: Children with Differing Abilities, Behavioral & Emotional Challenges, & Special Health Care Needs			
Course registration is available online at <a href="http://www.mstc.edu">www.mstc.edu</a> or in person at any MSTC campus location For more information contact Jo Ann Grode at (715) 422-5318			

## YOUNGSTAR TRAININGS

### YoungStar Overview

Participants will ...

- ⇒ Understand the fundamentals of the YoungStar program and application materials;
- ⇒ Increase knowledge about Quality Improvement Plans;
- ⇒ Gain an understanding of the value of a Quality Improvement Rating System

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 ~ 6:00-8:30pm  
Cost: \$5.00

### Early Learning Quality Improvement & Program Assessment

- ⇒ Participants will...
- ⇒ Establish a common framework and identify competencies of change management
- ⇒ Describe the steps for rapid-cycle quality improvement process
- ⇒ Accurately use self-assessment and quality improvement planning tools.

Monday, May 16 and 23, 2011 ~ 6:30-8:30PM  
Cost \$25.00

Both trainings held at Clark County Courthouse-Auditorium (1<sup>st</sup> floor)  
517 Court St., Neillsville

Contact CCR&RCW at 715.423.4114 for registration

### 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

#### Washara 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— Beth Knuth at 715.423.5312

# PROVIDER TRAINING

## Heartsaver CPR Training w/ AED

**Wednesday, May 18th, 6:00pm-9:30pm**  
Location: Wausau Family Resource Center

**Wednesday, June 15th, 6:00pm-9:30pm**  
Location: Wausau Family Resource Center

**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.

## Lions, Otters & Beavers - Oh My! with Dan Esterline

*Every child is born with certain traits that underlie their basic personality. The final shape of a child's personality is determined by how their parents and other caregivers relate to these traits. Join us as we discover how to understand children's personalities through DiSC analysis. Learn tips on how to interact with different personalities and create positive experiences with children.*

Saturday, April 16, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
\$49 (Lunch Included)

Northcentral Technical College, Wausau

To register call 715.675.3331, Ext.5861.

For more information contact Renee Selle at 715.803.1861

## Pyramid Model Training Series scheduled for April 7th through May 28th is full.

### Watch your mail for future trainings from CCR&R

Future training topics may include:

- Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards
- Pyramid Model - SEFEL
- Policies & Benefits
- Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)
- Environmental Rating Scales
- Family Involvement
- Self Assessment / Quality Improvement Plan

Continue to watch

<http://www.childcareconnectioninc.org/trainingcalendar.html>  
for more information.

## Wisconsin Family Child Care Association 30th Annual Conference

April 28th-30th, 2011

Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells

For more information visit

[www.wisconsinfamilychildcare.org](http://www.wisconsinfamilychildcare.org) or contact

Teri Dietzler at 715.447.8138

## Giving Your Best: Making Secure Attachments

Understand the impact of attachments throughout life.  
Learn ways to build secure attachments.  
Analyze your own ideas and caregiving practices to create secure attachments with children.

**Tuesday, April 19th 2011 ~ 6:00-8:00 PM**

USDA Service Center - Extension Meeting Room #1,  
925 Donald Street, Medford

Contact the UW Extension office at  
715-748-3327 for registration.

## 2011 Early Childhood Education Conference

April 28th- 30th

University of WI—Stout

If you have any questions, call  
715.232.2793 or visit

[www.uwstout.edu/outreach/ece](http://www.uwstout.edu/outreach/ece)



## Northcentral Technical College Early Childhood Continuing Education Opportunities

SIDS, Child Abuse & Neglect	4/9/11	9:00am-12:00pm	\$19
I Think My Child Has 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)  
(ITV Campuses: Antigo, Medford, Phillips, Spencer, & Wittenberg)

**REGISTER** online at [www.ntc.edu/wls/register](http://www.ntc.edu/wls/register) or by phoning the 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:** April 4th, 6pm at Lincoln Co. FRC

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

**Marathon County:** Contact CCC at 715.539.9779 if interested in developing an advocate group.

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

For more information, call Kelly Emmerich at 715.748.6192.

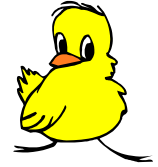
# ACTIVITY CENTER

April is...

Brussels Sprouts & Cabbage Month  
Cranberries & Gooseberries Month  
Frog Month  
Month of the Young Child

## Barefoot Chick

Need: Yellow Paint, Construction Paper,  
Crayons, Glue, Cornmeal

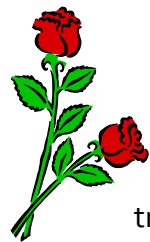


Directions: Paint the bottom of the child's foot with yellow washable liquid paint (giggling allowed!)

Have them press their foot onto a sheet of construction paper. When the child's foot is clean and the paint is dry, have him use crayons to add an eye, beak, and legs to his chick. Finally have him spread glue along the bottom of the paper, then sprinkle the glue with cornmeal.

## Frozen Toys

In an ice cube tray freeze some small toys (for smaller children use small plastic containers to freeze larger toys in so that the toys are not small enough to choke on.) Put your frozen toys in the sensory table filled with warm water, the children will love to feel the difference between warm and cold. You can even freeze some plain ice cubes with food coloring in it. The color will trail off of the melting ice cube.



## Roses

Egg carton, paint, pipe cleaner, paper, ribbon, green tissue paper

Directions: Cut up cardboard egg cartons and trim around each cup to form the "rose". Have the children paint the cups red inside and out. When dry poke a small hole in the bottom and insert pipe cleaner. Curl the top of the pipe cleaner to keep the rose from falling off. The children can cut a construction paper leaf for each stem and glue to pipe cleaner. They can be tied with a ribbon and wrapped in green tissue paper like they are when you buy real roses at a florist, or put into a child-made vase!



June is...

Corn & Cucumber Month  
Great Outdoors Month  
National Smile Month  
Skyscraper Month

## Spring Song

Sung to: "Bingo"

There is a time when flowers bloom,  
and grass turns green all over.

It is coming soon  
it is coming soon,  
it is coming soon  
and spring is its name.

There is a time when birdies sing,  
and children play outside.

it is coming soon  
it is coming soon

## Suggested Reading

*A Chair for My Mother* by Vera Williams

*I Ain't Gonna Paint No More*

by Karen Beaumont

*The Old Man and the Door*, by Gary Soto

*Jennie's Hat* by Ezra Jack Keats

May is...

Motorcycle Safety Month  
National Hamburger Month  
National Salsa Month  
National Vinegar Month

## Sunny Snacks

English muffin (half)  
American cheese,  
(cut into triangles),  
2 pineapple chunks,  
yellow tinted cream  
cheese (mix cream cheese with  
yellow food coloring.), 1 half  
pineapple ring,  
plastic butter knife, and a plate



Place the English Muffin on the plate. Have the children spread cream cheese on muffin. Arrange cheese slices around it to resemble sun rays. Use pineapple chunks & half ring to create a face!

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*To respond to needs and  
deliver services that  
improve and support a  
quality child care system.*

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**MISSION:**

*To be the key resource of  
comprehensive services to  
enhance quality child care in  
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