



# "The Connection"

## Child Care Connection, Inc. - Resource & Referral

### Serving Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon and Taylor Counties

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## May 1st is..... WORTHY WAGE DAY

Every year on May 1, early childhood educators join together with parents, community groups and other allies to stand up for "worthy wages" for the early childhood education workforce. Because too many committed and qualified individuals leave the field each year, due to low pay and lack of benefits, many early childhood programs are not able to maintain the quality that all children deserve. Worthy Wage Day is our time to remind the country that early childhood educators are everyday heroes for the important work they do. Worthy work deserves a worthy wage.

## May 8th is.....



Today's child care professionals are the world's unsung heroes. This profession is one of the most underpaid occupations in the country; yet research shows that early childhood is the most critical developmental period in a child's life. It takes a **special person** to work in this field. Provider Appreciation Day offers a unique opportunity to recognize and commend the unselfish dedication, commitment and compassion that child care providers demonstrate every day.

**Your friends at 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!  
Micki, Rachele, and Kao**

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# The Bulletin Board



## **WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW PROVIDERS!**

ZOO SIAB TOS TXAIS THIAB THOV QHUAS TXOG COV  
KAWM TIAV ZOV ME NYUAM TSHIAB!

**Licensed Group Child Care:**  
Busy Bees Daycare, Wausau

**Licensed Family Child Care:**

**Certified Family Child Care:**  
Xai Xiong, Wausau  
Krystal Schreiber, Antigo  
Bobbie Andreske, Wausau  
Zoua Vang, Ringle

**Provisionally Certified Family Child Care:**  
Xia Her, Wausau  
Jill Chaignot, Ringle  
Scarlett Lain, Wausau

**Increased Regulation**  
Jessica Wimmer, Wausau, Provisional to Certified  
Cindy Kearns, Hamburg Certified to Licensed  
Lana Holleran, Wausau, Certified to Licensed  
Rashel Paul, Medford, Certified to Licensed

## **VACANCY UPDATE FORM**

Please return the enclosed vacancy update form by June 1st

Rachele attended the National Policy Symposium, hosted by the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA), in Washington, D.C., March 10-13. She met with Aides from Senator Feingold's and Representative Obey's offices. Rachele discussed with them how difficult it



can be for parents to find and afford quality child care. She also expressed the need for additional funding for child care providers - so they can afford educational opportunities, health and safety improvements to their programs, and more.



*Rep. Dave Obey's Aide, Brendan Rose, with Rachele Cherek*

Stuart Stotts (pictured right) entertained over 100 child care providers at the Spring Reception on Thursday, April 16th at The Rose Garden in Wausau. It is an annual event held in honor of Week of the Young Child (April 19-25, 2009). The Reception was sponsored by NCAEYC and Child Care Connection.



### **Thank you to all who made donations:**

AC Kiefer, Wausau School District; Starbucks Coffee (Rib Mountain Dr. and 17th Ave., Wausau); Lincoln Community Bank, Merrill; Domtar Paper; Carmen Behringer; Play N' Learn; Pampered Chef, Trinkka Bankes; YWCA Child Care, Wausau; VIP Office Products, Merrill; Partylite, Sarah Clark; Early Childhood Club, NTC; Early Childhood Program, NTC; Johnson Gifts and Collectibles, Merrill; InnerWell, Wausau; Sandy Suprak; Children's Service Society of WI, Wausau; Floral Magic, Wausau; Ready To Read, Marathon Co. United Way; Woodson YMCA Child Care, Wausau; BeautiControl Products, Char Tehako; Julie Burmesch; Trigs, Wausau; Be Well Yoga, Gigi Heinz; Spirit Stones, Vicki LaFave; Café Le Grand, Wausau; Digi Copy, Wausau; Burman's Floral, Merrill; Parkside Preschool Center, Merrill; Evolutions in Design, Wausau

## **SUBSTITUTE**

for family child care providers!  
Sharon's Sub Service may have summer openings. Available for subbing and assisting in your child care. Phone (715) 536-9166 or e-mail Sharon at [anderson1969@verizon.net](mailto:anderson1969@verizon.net)

**Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love.**

~Mildred B. Vermont



Happy 2nd Birthday!  
Marley Ann Krueger  
May 16, 2009



*Child Care Connection, Inc. provides information, not recommendations or endorsements.*

# 2009 AVERAGE CHILD CARE RATES

	AGE GROUP	GROUP CENTERS		FAMILY PROVIDERS	
		Full Time Cost per Week	Part Time Cost per Hour	Full Time Cost per Week	Part Time Cost per Hour
<b>L A N G L A D E</b>	0 – 6 mos.	\$173.00	\$4.88	\$127.63	\$3.20
	6 – 12 mos.	\$173.00	\$4.88	\$127.63	\$3.20
	1 – 2 years	\$171.75	\$4.75	\$126.58	\$3.15
	2 – 3 years	\$156.48	\$4.60	\$119.02	\$2.98
	3 – 4 years	\$139.69	\$4.36	\$116.58	\$2.93
	4 – 5 years	\$138.44	\$4.08	\$116.58	\$2.93
	5 – 7 years	\$129.75	\$3.74	\$106.48	\$2.84
	8+ years	\$120.94	\$3.17	\$109.80	\$2.83
<b>L I N C O L N</b>	0 – 6 mos.	\$127.55	\$3.19	\$135.67	\$3.62
	6 – 12 mos.	\$127.55	\$3.19	\$133.35	\$3.57
	1 – 2 years	\$127.55	\$3.19	\$127.62	\$3.43
	2 – 3 years	\$113.79	\$3.14	\$119.61	\$3.31
	3 – 4 years	\$109.79	\$2.86	\$118.49	\$3.29
	4 – 5 years	\$108.79	\$2.86	\$117.40	\$3.25
	5 – 7 years	\$108.79	\$3.63	\$113.83	\$3.22
	8+ years	\$109.83	\$3.81	\$110.35	\$3.22
<b>M A R A T H O N</b>	0 – 6 mos.	\$190.40	\$5.34	\$139.77	\$3.68
	6 – 12 mos.	\$192.53	\$5.41	\$139.32	\$3.66
	1 – 2 years	\$190.14	\$5.31	\$136.27	\$3.57
	2 – 3 years	\$164.00	\$4.82	\$130.34	\$3.43
	3 – 4 years	\$153.11	\$4.62	\$126.51	\$3.35
	4 – 5 years	\$153.26	\$4.64	\$124.81	\$3.31
	5 – 7 years	\$137.12	\$4.31	\$115.71	\$3.30
	8+ years	\$127.36	\$4.35	\$113.06	\$3.27
<b>T A Y L O R</b>	0 – 6 mos.	\$120.00	\$3.60	\$116.65	\$2.92
	6 – 12 mos.	\$120.00	\$3.60	\$116.35	\$2.90
	1 – 2 years	\$120.00	\$3.60	\$115.17	\$2.89
	2 – 3 years	\$120.00	\$3.60	\$114.61	\$2.89
	3 – 4 years	\$120.00	\$3.60	\$113.78	\$2.89
	4 – 5 years	\$120.00	\$3.60	\$111.00	\$2.83
	5 – 7 years	\$120.00	\$3.60	\$110.76	\$2.81
	8+ years	\$120.00	\$3.60	\$110.76	\$2.81

Rates are based on information provided by regulated (licensed/certified, not including Head Start or Preschool) child care programs. It is as accurate as the information they supply Child Care Connection on the annual, Business Information Form. For a copy of the complete report, including min. and max. rates, and a Marathon Co. break-down, contact CCC or visit our website.

# Activities



# June

## May

### May is...

Clean Air Month  
Get Caught Reading Month  
Healthy Vision Month  
National Photo Month

May Stone  
Emerald

May Flower:  
Lilly-of-the-Valley

### June Stone

Pearl

### June Flower

Rose

### June is...

National Rivers Month  
National Smile Month  
Dairy Month  
Fireworks Safety Month

## "Hand"y Sunflowers

*Yellow, black, & Green Construction paper  
Sunflower Seeds, Scissors, Glue*

Trace the children's hands 3-4 times on yellow construction paper, then cut them out. Arrange hands in a circle. Trace and cut out black circle for the center of flower. Add green stem and leaves. Glue sunflower seeds to the middle of the flower.



## May is Here

Sung to: "Frere Jacques"

I see daisies, I see daisies  
Bloom in May, bloom in May.  
May's the month for flowers,  
No more April showers.  
May is here, May is here.

### BOOKS

**Air Is All Around You**  
by Franklyn Mansfield  
Branley and Holly Keller

**The Lion and the Mouse**  
by Gail Herman and  
Lisa McCue

**I Don't Have Your Eyes**  
by Carrie A. Kitze

## Photo Gift

*Frozen orange juice lids, child pictures, magnet,  
lace and other decorations*

Take a picture of the child and cut it the size of the orange juice lid. Glue picture onto the lid. Decorate around the picture. Put a magnet on the back and give it as a gift.

## Build & Float Soft Shapes: A River Safari

by Ikids and Simon Morse

### Smile, Principessa!

by Judith Ross Enderle, Stephanie Jacob Gordon,  
and Serena Curmi

## Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy

by Lynley Dodd

## Bubble Pool

*Small Kids Pool  
Water*

*Mr Bubble (Bubble Soap)  
Bubble Toys*



Add bubble soap to empty kids pool. Fill with water. Add various bubble toys like empty bottles, straws, hoops, string, etc. Creates a BUBBLE wonderland, right in the backyard.

## Ice Cubes

Put ice cubes in a small wading pool with water and have each child try to pick the ice out with their toes. They should sit on the outside of the pool with their feet over the edge into the pool.

## Sunny Snacks

*Plate, butter knife, half  
English muffin, slice of cheese  
(cut into triangles), 2 pineapple  
chunks, Yellow cream cheese  
(mix in yellow food color), half pineapple ring.*



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!

# Training



## Heartsaver CPR Training w/ AED

**Monday, May 4th, 6:00pm-9:30pm**

Location: YWCA, 613 5th St. Wausau

**Monday, June 8th, 6:00pm-9:30pm**

Location: CCC, 407 W Main St. Merrill

**NEW Cost: \$45 per person** (includes workbook)

Each *program* is required to purchase one Heartsaver CPR 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.*

Register-(deadline is one week before each class)

**Please call CCC @ 715-539-9779 to register.**

## 28th Annual WFCCA State Conference

(WI Family Child Care Association)

16 hours of  
Cont Ed.

**May 7th, 8th, & 9th**  
**Chula Vista Resort & Waterpark**

A wide variety of workshops will be offered including required topics for providers such as: AED Training, CPR, First Aid, Food Program Training, Shaken Baby Syndrome, Child Abuse & Neglect, and NAFCC Accreditation.

For more information call (715) 726-0185 or visit

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

## NTC CONTINUING EDUCATION

DISC Analysis for Adolescents: Cost: \$15.00  
Thursday, May 5th 6:30pm-8:30pm

DISC Analysis for Kids—Cost \$15.00  
Thursday, May 21st 6:30pm-8:30pm

For more information, please contact Amy Tamsen, at (715) 675-3331 x 1278

## WECA Super Saturday

**Reuse the Recyclables & Woodworking for Fun and Learning**

June 13 Northcentral Technical College, Wausau

Registration at 8:30 a.m.—Session from 9:00-3:00 p.m.

Breakfast and Lunch are provided.

**Cost: \$55 for WECA/NAEYC members and \$65 for non-members**

For questions, to register by phone, or to check on cancellations due to weather, call WECA at 1-800-783-9322 x 7227

## Provider Network / Support Group Meetings

A great way to meet with other providers and share successes, problem solving, and plan fun!

**Langlade County:** Meeting times to be determined. For more information contact, Donna Murra at 350-4159

**Lincoln County:** Meeting times to be determined. For more information contact, Brenda Danielczak at 551-4775

**Marathon County:** Meeting every-other month; location and topics vary. Call Ann Sheahan @ 693-7565 for details.

**Taylor County:** 3rd Monday of month - For more information, call Kelly Emmerich @ 748-6192.



## Northcentral Technical College Early Childhood Education: Fall 2009

Course #	Course Title	Day	Course Dates	Time
10-307-148	Foundations of ECE	Th	9/3, 9/17 10/1, 10/15, 10/29	4:30-9:20pm
10-307-148	Foundations of ECE	Sat	8/29, 9/12, 9/26	8-5:00pm
10-307-151	Infant & Toddler DEV	M	9/1-12/14	6-9:30pm
10-307-167	HLTH Safety & Nutrition	Sat	10/24, 11/7, 11/21	8-5:00pm
10-307-167	HLTH Safety & Nutrition	Int	9/1-12/8	-
10-307-174	Practicum 1	Tu	8/25-12/15	3:30-4:20pm
10-307-178	Art Music & Lang Arts	Tu	8/25-12/15	4:30-7:20pm
10-307-179	Child Development	Sat	8/29, 9/12, 9/26	8:00-5:00pm
10-307-188	Guiding Child Behavior	Sat	10/10, 10/24, 11/7	8:00-5:00pm
10-307-192	Practicum 2	R	9/3, 9/17, 10/1 10/15 10/29 11/12, 12/3	3:30-4:20pm
10-307-166	Curriculum Planning	Tu	9/1-11/24	7:30-9:20pm
10-307-187	Children w/ Diff Abilities	Tu	9/1-11/10	4:00-6:50pm
10-307-195	Family & Community Rel.	R	9/10, 9/24 10/8, 10/22, 11/5	4:30-9:20pm
10-307-197	Practicum 3	R	9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/10	3-4:20pm
10-307-198	Admin An ECE Program	Sat	9/19, 10/10, 11/7	8-4:00pm
10-307-199	Practicum 4	W	9/2, 9/16, 9/30 10/14, /28,11/ 11 11/25,12/9	3-5:20pm
10-307-125	Best Practices	F	9/18 & 11/6	8-4:00pm
10-307-126	Leadership: Admin Seminar	F	11/13- 1/10	8-4:00pm
10-307-146	Preschool Capstone	Int	9/1- 12/8	-
10-307-150	Implementing WMELS	F&S	10/16-10/17	F 6-8:50pm S 8-3:00pm
47-307-421	Intro to the Child Care Prof	Sat	8/29-12/5	9-11:50am
47-307-425	Intro to the Child Care Prof Mod A	Sat	8/29- 10/3	9-11:50am
47-307-423	Fund. of Family Child Care	Sat	12/12/09	8-4:30pm

For more information, please contact Sandy Suprak, at (715) 675-3331 x 1515.

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 4940, or your local campus.

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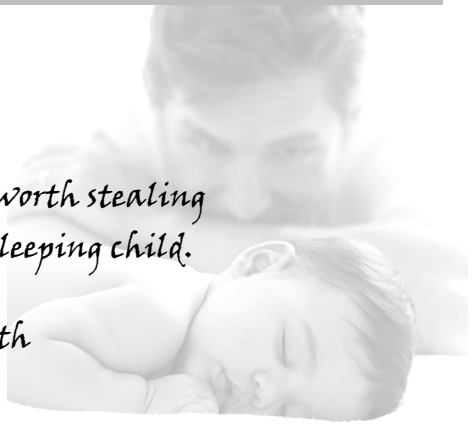
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*"The Mission of the Child Care Connection is to respond to needs and deliver services that improve and support a quality child care system."*

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*The only thing worth stealing  
is a kiss from a sleeping child.*  
~Joe Howldsworth



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