

The 4C Connection

From Our Services to Yours

Fall 2020



4C For Children is the Child Care Resource & Referral Agency (CCR&R) serving the Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington, and Waukesha Counties in southeastern Wisconsin



Important 4C COVID-19 Updates

4C For Children's offices are currently closed to the public.

Our staff continues to work remotely during this time and will continue to provide all of our program services. If you have any questions, please reach out to us.

The Milwaukee Office has a mail slot for dropping off any correspondence.

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Have you registered to vote?

Visit <https://myvote.wi.gov/> To Register to Vote, Find Your Polling Place, Update Your Name or Address, Vote Absentee, and to Follow Your Ballot!

Rules for Transporting Children

Are you following the laws and licensing rules when you transport children?

In the State of Wisconsin, children must be in a car seat until they reach age 4 and 40 pounds, and in a booster seat until they reach age 8, more than 80 pounds in weight, or more than 4 ft. 9 in. tall.

Per the DCF Child Care Licensing manual: No person may transport a child under 8 years of age in a motor vehicle, unless the child is restrained in a child safety restraint system that is appropriate to the child's age and size. For further information on child safety restraints, see <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/safety/education/child-safety/default.aspx>.

Each child who is not required to be in an individual child car safety seat or booster seat when being transported shall be properly restrained by a seat belt. Also, each adult in the vehicle shall be properly restrained by a seat belt. Seat belts may not be shared. Children transported in school buses or vehicles built to school bus standards shall be properly seated according to the manufacturer's specifications. Children under 13 years of age who are in the care of the center may not ride in the front seat of a vehicle.

Census 2020

Be sure to complete the 2020 US Census.
Click here to help Shape Your Future!

<https://my2020census.gov/>

Update Your Email and Phone Number!



Have you updated your program email and phone number?

Email has become the most common way to share information with providers.

DCF uses their provider email listserv to send information about funding opportunities, WI Shares, regulation changes, free supplies...everything! Sign up for the DCF Child Care listserv here <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/email-signup>

4C also uses the email address and phone number that you have on file with DCF. Parents also use this information to call you if they are looking for child care.

If you aren't receiving important updates from DCF or 4C, you should contact your licenser or certifier as soon as possible and give them your most recent email address and phone number.

You can check what email and phone number are on file by logging into the Child Care Provider Portal here <https://mywchildcareproviders.wisconsin.gov/login>

If you do not currently have an email address, it's free and a great way to contact people! Click here and choose "Create Account" www.gmail.com

What is the Child Care Provider Portal?

The Child Care Provider Portal (CCPP) allows you to manage your child care business online. The Provider Portal is available 24/7, and you can access it from any computer, tablet, or smartphone with an Internet connection.

You will be able to do the following:

- View the list of children authorized by MyWICildCare subsidy program to attend your center.
- View payments made by families using the MyWICildCare EBT card.
- View/update your child care prices (licensed centers and programs operated by public schools).
- Send a request to end a MyWICildCare authorization for a child who is no longer attending or has never attended.
- Report days (or weeks) that your child care program will be closed so a parent can request an authorization to an alternate provider during your closure.
- View certain Licensing/Certification, YoungStar documents and details.
- Submit background checks on individuals associated with your program such as employees, household members, etc. You may also view the status of a background check that you have submitted.

"The provider portal has been a very helpful tool for my center. I can quickly view my payments and authorizations and do the background checks for new staff!"

For access to the portal, online training resources, and the user guide click here... <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/provider-portal/info>

YoungStar News



YoungStar Services

YoungStar Technical Consultation services continue...virtual zoom "visits" and phone consultation services are here to support you. Onsite optional DAE technical rating observations resumed August 17th. Contact your Technical Consultant for more information.

Block System for Rating in 2021

The new 2021 YoungStar block rating system is here and will begin with programs that have a January 2021 anniversary date!

This rating structure:

- Removes points and just awards star levels
- Includes the current requirements for a 3 Star rating as the only areas evaluated for a 3 Star rating
- Includes the current requirements for a 4 and 5 Star rating, plus a few YoungStar quality practices that are currently optional, as the only areas evaluated for a 4 or 5 Star rating
- Allows programs to focus on the areas most linked to child outcomes.

Introducing the Newly Updated ERS-3 Tools

YoungStar will be moving to the newly updated Environment Rating Scale (ERS) tools beginning in January 2021. Prior to the change taking place, YoungStar and your local Child Care Resource and Referral agency will provide you with trainings that will describe and explain the differences between the current ERS tools (-R) and the updated tools (-3). Continue to check this page for updated information. <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/ers>

***Please Note:** The School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale (SACERS) has not been updated and therefore YoungStar will continue to use the SACERS-U.

LearnERS is a new online learning and coaching framework based on the Environment Rating Scales and developed in partnership with Debby Cryer (co-author of the scales). Within both the ECERS and ITERS Personal Care Routines subscales, there are three items that address best practices that can help stem the transmission of viral and bacterial infections. In an effort to help combat the spread of COVID-9, and they are making these online learning modules available to all early childhood professionals at no charge. See links on right side of page here: <https://branaghgroup.com/modules/>

"Our program's Formal Rating focused on the interactions that make the biggest difference for children."

Child Care Providers Roles and Responsibilities for the 2020-2021 School Year

Child care providers must ensure that they do not provide any instructional services that supplant or duplicate the academic program of any public or private school. This means that providers cannot provide the main instruction, but may assist with schoolwork as they would any other homework. It is a child care provider's decision on which services (e.g. Wi-Fi access, virtual space) they can provide and we encourage ongoing communication between the child care program and parents.

Note: Some child care providers may not have Wi-Fi access for the children in their care and may not provide virtual space, but these child care programs could still receive a Wisconsin Shares authorization for eligible families. **More can be found at:** [Wisconsin Department of Children and Families COVID-19 webpage](#)

Education and Training News

Did you know that **4C is still offering child care courses**? All of our classes have moved to the virtual Zoom platform with all of your favorite, experienced trainers. We offer classes for those new to the field, continuing education, and correspondence coursework.

Click here to see our current course offerings:

<https://www.4cfc.org/courses/>

Wondering what classes are needed?

To work in a Family Child Care Home:

Licensed Family Child Care Provider

- Introduction to the Child Care Profession
- Fundamentals of Family Child Care
- Fundamental of Infant & Toddler Care

Certified Family Child Care Provider

- Introduction to the Child Care Profession
- Fundamentals of Family Child Care

To work in a Group Child Care Building:

Lead Teacher in a Group Center

- Introduction to the Child Care Profession
- Skills & Strategies for the Child Care Teacher
- Fundamental of Infant & Toddler Care

Assistant Teacher in a Group Center

- Introduction to the Child Care Profession
- Fundamentals of Infant & Toddler Care

Group Center Director (50 capacity Max)

- Introduction to the Child Care Profession
- Skills & Strategies for the Child Care Teacher
- 3 credits in the WI Child Care Administrator Credentials within 1 year from the date your Program Opens

Group Center Director (51 or More Capacity)

- Introduction to the Child Care Profession
- Skills & Strategies for the Child Care Teacher
- 2 courses in the WI Child Care Administrator Credential for Child Care Administrators (prior to starting Position) or
- 2 credit-based courses in Early Childhood education (prior to starting Position)
- Need Full WI Child Care Administrator Credential for Child Care Administrators within 3 years

FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS, AFTER SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS,
AND ANYONE WORKING WITH CHILDREN AGES INFANT THROUGH SCHOOL AGE.

ANNOUNCING THE 9TH ANNUAL

PATHWAYS

to

Quality

The first 500 registrants
will receive a copy of
Alvin Irby's children's
book, *Gross Greg!*




alvinirby.com

CONFERENCE AND RESOURCE FAIR

– SAVE THE DATE –

OCTOBER 14-20, 2020

VIRTUAL FORMAT

Visit the **Pathways Facebook page** or
the **4C website** for more information:

www.facebook.com/PathwaystoQualityMilwaukee
www.4cfc.org/about/news/pathways-conference/

INFORMATION AND SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS PARTICIPATING IN



Wisconsin's Child Care Quality Rating & Improvement System

SESSIONS ON:

- ★ DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTS
- ★ CURRICULUM
- ★ LITERACY AND LANGUAGE LEARNING
- ★ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- ★ BUSINESS PRACTICES
- ★ YOUNGSTAR UPDATES
- ★ AND MORE!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Alvin Irby is a former kindergarten teacher turned award-winning social entrepreneur, comedian, and author. As Founder of Barbershop Books, winner of the National Book Foundation's Innovations in Reading Prize, Irby has inspired communities across America to promote reading in barbershops. Irby's popular TED Talk, "How to inspire every child to be a life-long reader," and his funny children's book, *Gross Greg*, has garnered stellar reviews from educators, parents, and children nationwide.



REGISTRATION = \$40
September 14 - October 5

PLANNING PARTNERS:

- 4C For Children*
- Black Child Development Institute
- LaCausa Early Learning
- Malaika Early Learning Center
- Milwaukee Area Technical College
- Milwaukee Child Care Alliance
- Milwaukee Early Care Administration (DCF)
- Milwaukee Public Schools Phases Child Care Center
- Provedoras Unidas (Family Child Care Providers)
- Supporting Families Together Association
- The Registry
- UW-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education
- Wisconsin Early Childhood Association
- *Lead Agency

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FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:
www.4cfc.org/pathways

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Abusive Head Trauma Prevention

Abusive Head Trauma Prevention Training for Child Care

Providers replaced *Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Training for Child Care Providers* on September 1, 2020.

Either SBS or AHT Prevention training taken through August 31, 2020 meets the training requirement.

In addition to covering SBS prevention, the updated Abusive Head Trauma Prevention Training addresses the latest information on:

- Abusive Head Trauma (AHT)
- The Period of Purple Crying
- Strategies and challenges of soothing
- Coping with frustration
- Having a plan and educating others
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4C now offers this new course. Course dates and times can be found here:

<https://www.4cfc.org/courses/#toggle-id-12>