

The 4C Connection

From Our Services to Yours

Winter 2021



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 to provide all of our program services. If you have any questions, please reach out to us.

The Milwaukee Office has a mail slot in the grey door located to the left of our main entrance for dropping off any correspondence.

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Is there a child in your care who you feel...



Exhibits frequent and/or extreme challenging behaviors?



Takes too much of your attention away from the other children in your care because of challenging behaviors?



Is becoming a concern to you and/or the other families you serve?



You have tried to help with every trick up your sleeve, but nothing seems to work?



You are considering asking the family to leave your program?

If you answered "Yes" to two or more questions, Behavior Help Wisconsin is ready to help! Behavior Help Wisconsin assists child care providers feeling challenged by the behavior of a child. We deliver one-on-one coaching so you can have the tools, knowledge, and skills to reduce challenging behaviors and promote positive ones in your program and can assist with an intervention plan to support the program. Please call 414-267-2676 for more information.

Be sure to follow us
on Facebook and
Instagram!
Facebook:
[4C For Children](#)

Instagram:
[4cforchildrenwi](#)

Update Your Email and Phone Number!



Are you receiving emails from DCF about PPE Supplies or grants??? 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.

If you aren't receiving important updates from DCF or 4C, you should log into the Provider Portal and update your email address and phone number.

Parents also use this information to call you if they are looking for child care.

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>

Vacancies in your program???

Let us know!!!
Call our resource and referral department at 414-562-2676

Or email us at 4c@4cfc.org

Training Special!!! BOGO21 YoungStar classes

4C...Serving our community for 51 years!

To celebrate our 51 years, the first "51" people to register for a YoungStar class on our website at <https://www.4cfc.org/courses/> under BOGO21 will receive a FREE class valued at \$21.00. Just click on the Registry ID for the class you want to take and you'll be taken to The Registry website to register. Class registration must be through your Registry profile to qualify.

If you are one of the first 51 individuals to receive this deal, a \$21.00 class flyer will be emailed to you with a code and details on how to register for the free class. Free class must be redeemed by March 31, 2021 – no exceptions. Void if beyond that date.

Look for brand new courses on the flyer for Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards and the NEW Environment Rating Scale trainings. Find them at www.4cfc.org and click on *Become a Provider* or *Find A Class*. Thanks for choosing 4C For Children for your training needs!

"Three new things that I learned were: to ask parents techniques that worked or didn't work with their child so they can give me tips to use, all parents will need advice at some point, and as a child care worker it is my responsibility to teach children how to make friends."

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Welcome

Click here for "How to become a provider"

What classes do I need? Click here!

BOGO21 Special - CLICK HERE!

To celebrate our 51 years, the first "51" individuals to register for a YoungStar class on the BOGO21 flyer above will receive a FREE class valued at \$21.00. Class registration **must be through your Registry profile** to qualify. Check out the how to by clicking here: "How to register for a training"

If you are one of the first 51 individuals to receive this deal, a \$21.00 class flyer will be emailed to you with a code and details on how to register for the free class. Free

Course Schedule

Select course below and click on the Registry Event # to register.

Please Note: Face to face classes have been postponed due to the COVID-19 Emergency. We are offering Online virtual options through Zoom meeting- please check the course schedule for details.

Before finding a course, please read our policy information. Additionally, you will need to be registered through the Registry.org to sign up for a course. See more information about the Registry process here.

Entry Level Course offerings in English and Spanish – Virtual Zoom online live

- Introduction to the Child Care Profession
- Introducción A La Profesión De Cuidado De Niños (45 horas)
- Skills and Strategies for the Child Care Teacher
- Destrezas y Estrategias para Maestro de Cuido de Niños (45 horas)

YoungStar News



Programs Get an Additional Year to Receive Supports in YoungStar

[YoungStar](#) is giving programs across the state an additional year to complete rating services and/or receive additional supports. Beginning January 2021, a one-time, one-year YoungStar participation window extension was implemented in an effort to support programs and services affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This modification allows programs to maintain or complete their current YoungStar rating for one additional year, creating a three-year rating cycle. What does this mean for your program?

- Programs that completed a rating in 2019 or 2020 will have an additional year of support services before they will be required to complete their next rating in 2022 or 2023. Please note that it is still optional to receive these supports from local YoungStar consultants and that consultation from a YoungStar consultant is still required for micro-grant eligibility each year. However, the required coaching hours can and should be provided virtually.
- Programs that weren't able to complete a renewal rating in 2019 or 2020 will have more time to finish up and receive support services before they will be required to start their next rating in 2022 or 2023. An on-site rating should only be completed when health and safety procedures are in place at the program and the local YoungStar office has capacity to complete the rating. Programs will keep their current rating (or remain unrated in the case of new programs) until an on-site rating can be completed safely, even if that rating cannot be completed within a one-year rating period.
- Consultation, on-site rating, and micro-grant services are still available every year.

Contact your YoungStar Quality coach with questions or call our YoungStar department at 414-267-3434

Have you heard? YoungStar has gone lean with a new, simplified rating structure!

Beginning in 2021, YoungStar has made a number of updates, including eliminating optional points required for higher ratings, and adopting the newly revised Environment Rating Scales. These changes better foster child development while streamlining the rating process. Check out this document to learn more about the changes!

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/youngstar/pdf/ys-changes/2021-2022/ys-chagnes-21-22.pdf>

Reminders

- Is your Registry Program Profile up-to-date? Make sure you are removing staff and updating opened/closed classrooms as needed. Laying off a teacher is a reason to remove them from the classroom! <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/youngstar/pdf/keep-program-profile-updated.pdf>
- Licensors are back doing visits. Here is what you can expect: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/press/2020/covid/licensing-visits-expectations.pdf>
- Starting to look for continuing education options? Check out current offerings at 4C for Children: <https://www.4cfc.org/courses/> Be sure to look at the BOGO21 deal!

Keep your
program profile
up-to-date!
<https://www.theregistry.org/>

Building Leadership In Early Childhood Programs (A Support Group For Directors)



**Meeting Dates: 2/23,
3/9, 3/23, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/25, 6/8, 6/22**

Time: 11:00am to 1:00pm

Where: from your desk, **Zoom**—on-line

Call 414-562-2650 to register for the event

Building Leadership in Early Childhood Programs is for **Directors** in **center-based programs** in Southeastern Wisconsin. The group will discuss current issues all center directors are facing in this very challenging time. The group will offer time to talk; share problems, concerns and ideas; brainstorm; plan for future topics; and discuss the interactive, professional publication:

Circle of Influence - Implementing Shared Decision Making and Participative Management by Paula Jorde Bloom. We will have the book discussions on the 4th Tuesday of the month meeting.

This is the *third* of *12 meetings* that will happen **twice a month** to continue the discussion, build supports, commit to personal on-going professional development and strengthen relationships with other Directors who understand the daily challenges of leading an Early Childhood program in these changing and very unique times. Attendance at every meeting is not mandatory but strongly encouraged in order to build stronger supports and relationships. You will receive 1 hour each meeting towards your Registry required training through your participation.

Please consider joining us to support, lead, learn and build new relationships with others who understand!

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IMPORTANT!!!

Funding from all Child Care Counts Payment programs must be spent on expenses incurred between 3/1/20 and 3/31/21.

Initial guidance, released on April 22, 2020, provided that the cost of an expenditure is incurred when the recipient has expended funds to cover the cost. Upon further consideration and informed by an understanding of Federal and State compliance practices, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) is clarifying that for a cost to be considered to have been incurred, performance or delivery must occur during the covered period, but payment of funds need not be made during that time (*though it is generally expected that this will take place within 90 days of a cost being incurred*).

To comply with this guidance from DOA, **all** funds from the *Child Care Counts Payment Programs - Emergency, Fall 2020* and *Fall 2020 Round 2*, **must be spent on expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 – March 31, 2121.**

[See the Child Care Counts web page for additional information.](#)

4C Food Program News

New CACFP Meal Pattern Training Slides

The slide presentations are free to download at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/meal-pattern-training-slides-cacfp>. Team Nutrition also provides training resources to accompany the above slide presentations. These training resources are available at:

- Mealtimes with Toddlers in the CACFP (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/mealtimes-toddlers-cacfp>)
- Serving Vegetables in the CACFP (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/serving-vegetables-cacfp>)
- Using the WIC Food Lists to Identify Grains for the CACFP (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/using-wic-food-lists-identify-grains-cacfp>)

Did You Know?

Meat/Meat Alternative is the CACFP Meal Pattern component that DPI Consultants provide the most technical assistance around. Predicting the amount of protein to prepare can be difficult. This is typically due to moisture and fat lost during the cooking process.

For example: 8 oz of ground beef can shrink to 5 oz
9 oz of chicken breast can shrink to 6 oz
12 oz of pork roast can shrink to 5 oz



Keep this in mind while preparing your meals to ensure you are serving each child the required amount of protein.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) COVID-19 Information

Website: <https://dpi.wi.gov/nutrition/coronavirus/cacfp>

CREDITING HANDBOOK FOR THE Child and Adult Care Food Program

https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/FNS_Crediting_Handbook.pdf

Pathways to Quality Conference & Resource Fair



Save the date!!! Pathways 2021 will be held on October 13-19, 2021 in a virtual format.

Follow the Pathways Facebook page for current updates and information.

<https://www.facebook.com/PathwaystoQualityMilwaukee>



National CACFP Week is March 14-20, 2021

Thinking of joining the 4C Family Child Care Food Program? Give us a call at 414-562-2652