



Wisconsin's Child Care Quality Rating and Improvement System

Quality Indicator Rating Detail

January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022

Track 2 – Group Child Care¹

Quality Rating and Improvement System

<p>High-Quality Practices</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Curriculum Aligned with WMELS/SACF 2. Individual Child Portfolios 3. Intentional Planning to Improve Child Outcomes 4. Developmental Screening 5. Tracking Child Outcomes 6. Social Emotional/Inclusion of Children with Special Needs Training 7. <i>Strengthening Families Through Early Care and Education Training</i> 	★ ★ ★ ★ ★		<p>Program demonstrates 5 of 7 additional areas of high-quality practices</p>
	★ ★ ★ ★ ★		<p>Program demonstrates 4 of 7 additional areas of high-quality practices</p>
	★ ★ ★		<p>Program progresses on healthy nutrition and/or physical activity policy and practice goals</p>
	★ ★ ★		<p>Ongoing yearly budget, budget review, payment agreement, and record-keeping</p>
	★ ★ ★		<p>Some family engagement items</p>
	★ ★ ★		<p>Developmentally appropriate interactions, materials, and environment, incorporating WI Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS) or School-Age Curricular Framework (SACF)</p>
	★ ★ ★		<p>Lead Teachers with Registry Level 7 or higher for 25% of all classrooms AND Level 6 or higher for 25% of additional classrooms</p>
	★ ★ ★		<p>Director with Registry Level 10 or higher</p>
	★ ★ ★		<p>In Regulatory Compliance</p>

Programs not in regulatory or subsidy compliance receive 1 Star and are not eligible for YoungStar services. Programs are required to complete a Self-Assessment and Quality Improvement Plan for micro-grant and/or onsite rating eligibility.

High-quality early care and education is critical to children’s healthy growth and development and is foundational for future success in school and life. YoungStar assists Wisconsin Child Care Providers in improving their program’s quality in areas that lead to improved outcomes for children. YoungStar is based on research and other states’ experiences and it uses rating criteria that are: research-based, objective, and verifiable on a regular basis.

¹ This track includes licensed group child care programs serving children from birth through age 12.



Career Levels

Use this document to identify your career status, and understand what you need to take your career to the next level.

To see if the training, courses, credentials, credits or degrees you have qualify, call 608-222-1123 or email support@the-registry.org.

1	Registry Membership									
2	Verified high school diploma or GED									
3	80 hours (any tier)	Registry Tiered Training								
4	120 hours (any tier)									
5	160 hours (40 hours must be tier 2 or higher)									
6	Non-Credit Credentials	CDA	OR	MATCE Montessori Credential	OR	Family Services Credential	Related Credits	3 Related Credits		

7	Mentor and Mentor-Protégé			6 Related Credits			
8	Family Services Credential (6-9 Credits)	OR	Early Childhood Ed. Technical Diploma (9-12 credits)	12 Related Credits			
9	Registry Credentials 4 courses (12 total credits) per credential		- Afterschool & Youth Dev. - Family Child Care - Inclusion	18 Related Credits			
10	Registry Credentials 6 courses (18 total credits) per credential	OR	Apprenticeship Program (18 credits)	24 Related Credits			

11	WTCS One-Year Diploma (24 or more credits.)	OR	Any 2 Registry Credentials	30 Related Credits	OR	Associate's Degree + Registry Credential				
12	Associate's Degree			Bachelor's Degree	OR	Associate's Degree + 2 Registry Credentials	OR	Associate's Degree + 30 Related Credits		
13	Associate's Degree + Registry Credential			Bachelor's Degree + Registry Credential	OR	Bachelor's Degree + 30 Related Credits				
14	Bachelor's Degree	OR	Bachelor's Degree + Professional Educator DPI License	Master's Degree	OR	Bachelor's Degree + 2 Registry Credentials	OR	Bachelor's Degree + 36 Related Credits		
15	Bachelor's Degree + Registry Credential	OR	Bachelor's Degree + Registry Credential + Professional Educator DPI License	Doctorate	OR	Bachelor's Degree + 3 Registry Credentials	OR	Bachelor's Degree + 48 Related Credits	OR	Master's Degree + Registry Credential
16	Master's Degree	OR	Master's Degree + Professional Educator DPI License	Master's Degree + 36 Related Credits	OR	Master's Degree + 2 Registry Credentials	OR	Doctorate + Registry Credential		
17	Doctorate	OR	Doctorate + Professional Educator DPI License	Doctorate + 36 Related Credits	OR	Doctorate + 2 Registry Credentials				

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