

The 4C Connection

From Our Services to Yours - July 2022

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



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[4C For Children](https://www.facebook.com/4cforchildren)

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REMINDER!!! Keep your Email and Phone number up to date!

Do you have a new phone number or email address? Are you receiving emails from DCF about grants and funding opportunities? Email has become the most common way to share information with providers. If you aren't receiving important updates from DCF or 4C, 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>

4C For Children's offices remain closed to the public due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our staff continue to work during this time and 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.

Child Care Referral Line: (414) 562-267
YoungStar Department: (414) 267-3434
Training Department: (414) 562-2670
Food Program: (414) 562-2652

Milwaukee Office General: (414) 562-2650
Racine Office General: (262) 633-0959
Washington County FRC: (262) 338-9461

General Email: 4C@4CFC.org



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Provider Resource Room

The new 4C For Children Provider Resource Room is stocked for you to develop materials for your child care program curriculum, schedules, guides, learning centers, and more! Our resource room provides access to technology and computers to create engaging and enriching environments, lesson plans, and tools for family engagement.

Resources Include:

- ✓ Laminator
- ✓ Dye Cut Machines
- ✓ Copier and Printer
- ✓ Educational Toolkits
- ✓ Computers

*Nominal fees may apply

Call to make an appointment:

414-562-2676

Hours by Appointment:

**Monday - Thursday
9 am to 3 pm**

Our Address:



**1736 N 2nd St,
Milwaukee, WI 53212**

The new 4C For Children Provider Resource Room was generously funded by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

Training News

Free Child Care Foundational/Intro Training Now Available!

DCF and 4C have listened to your requests for accessible and affordable training and support. In response to the workforce shortage in child care, we are pleased to announce that free Child Care Foundational Training is now available. Individuals who begin one of the courses listed below are eligible for this program.

The Child Care Foundational Training courses covers the following noncredit trainings delivered in person or in an interactive online or interactive correspondence format:

- Introduction to the Child Care Profession
- Fundamentals of Infant and Toddler Care
- Fundamentals of Family Child Care
- Skills and Strategies for the Child Care Teacher

Visit our website to register or for more information -
<https://www.4cfc.org/courses/>



Thanks for Choosing 4C For Children for all of your training needs.

Pathways 2022 – October 24-31 !

The 2022 conference will be held in a Hybrid Format,
October 24-31, 2022.

Workshop sessions will be virtual from October 24-28, 2022, and
will be held via the Whova platform.

We are excited to return to an in-person experience on
Saturday, October 29, 2022.

There will be an Exhibitor Area on the 29th for the in-person day
at the Milwaukee Hilton City Center.

Be sure to follow the Pathways Facebook page for updates @
<https://www.facebook.com/PathwaystoQualityMilwaukee>



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YOUR
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Family Center of
Washington
County



NEW

Carolyn Dame, from 4C For
Children, is the new certifier
for Washington County!

Don't forget to call and sign
up for our workshops this
month.

Check out the current
programs here:

<http://www.wcfamilycenter.org/programs.html>



YoungStar News and Updates

YoungStar welcomes our new Administrative Assistant, Tiarra. She's the voice you'll hear when calling our YoungStar department at 414-267-3434. She will also be processing received YoungStar contracts. Welcome Tiarra!



Big changes are coming in the new year...

Stay tuned for information about the new YoungStar service provider.

Until then, it's business as usual. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your YoungStar Quality Coach or the YoungStar department at 414-267-3434.

4C Food Program News and Updates

Please welcome new Food Program Representatives Reshunda Dobbs and Tammie Jones to the 4C Food Program!

It's annual reenrollment time. Be sure to check your email for details and information.

Keep Kids Fed Act 2022

The Keep Kids Fed Act (KKFA) was signed into law on June 25, 2022, this law gives broad authority to USDA to issue limited nationwide waivers and increase the overall cost of the program to the Federal Government.

- Temporary Reimbursements for CACFP effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023
 - Additional Reimbursement 10 cents for all CACFP meals/ supplements
 - Reimbursement at the Tier 1 rate for all family day care homes in CACFP

Wisconsin CACFP Waivers for Summer 2022 and School Year 2022-23

Wisconsin's waiver requests have been approved by USDA. The waivers available for the CACFP include:

- Non-Congregate Meal Service (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)
- Parent/Guardian Meal Pick-Up (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)
- Meal Service Times (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

USDA has stressed the fact that the waivers Wisconsin is currently approved for should only be utilized for COVID-related reasons. Program operators are expected to only use these flexibilities for the duration and extent that they are needed. If you need to apply for a waiver, contact DPI at cnt@dpi.wi.gov. We will talk through each situation and provide a link to a waiver request form as appropriate.

More information can be found here: <https://dpi.wi.gov/nutrition/coronavirus/cacfp>

Child Care Counts Updates (from July 19 Child Care Provider Update)

The June Child Care Counts payments were made available to eligible providers on July 15 via a payment letter uploaded to the Child Care Provider Portal here: <https://mywchildcareproviders.wisconsin.gov/login?DcfReturnUrl=%2F>

The next application/update period is July 25-29, 2022.

The Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program Round 2 will begin in August 2022. Visit the [DCF webpage](#) to see Application/Update Weeks and Count Weeks for August 2022 – April 2023. If you need assistance, please email DCFDECECOVID19CCPayments@wisconsin.gov or call and leave your detailed questions at 608-535-3650. Click for [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) to get answers to your questions.

Child Care Counts [Información en español](#).

Accreditation Facilitation Project @ A Glance

The AFP provider group is growing and buzzing with greatness! Shout out to all the AFP Busy Bumblebees! We now have 24 active providers working hard to achieve accreditation through their identified accreditation pathway of either NAFCC for Family Child Care programs or NAEYC for Group Child Care programs.

Active AFP participants are providers who are committed to strengthening their program's high-quality practices through their identified pathway of pursuing accreditation. They are determined to learn all there is to know about their accreditation pathway and the steps it will take them to successfully achieve accreditation. In addition to dedicating their time to studying the accreditation standards to gain a better understanding of high-quality practices, and in return be able to identify how it all aligns with the uniqueness of their own program. Providers who participate in AFP are in constant communication with their AFP Coordinator to either schedule an AFP coaching session to review and discuss accreditation standards, seek guidance as they navigate their accreditation journey, or request resources that will better support them throughout the accreditation process, and beyond.

Learn More About the Accreditation Pathways

Family Child Care Programs – [National Association of Family Child Care](#)

Group Child Care Programs – [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#)

The Stages of Accreditation

Stage 1: Completing the Self-Study

Stage 2: Apply & Self Assess

Stage 3: Request Site Visit

Stage 4: Maintain Accreditation

Do You Want to Learn More About AFP?

Contact the 4C For Children's AFP
Coordinator Today!

Ashley Harrell | aharrell@4cfc.org |
414.588.8692

Or complete our AFP Interest Form

<https://forms.office.com/r/rKdKTXKzbp>



What is Behavior Help Wisconsin?

Behavior Help Wisconsin is a program that helps early childhood care and education providers who feel challenged by the behavior of a child. Behavior Help Coaches provide one-on-one coaching to the child's parents/guardians and care provider to equip you with tools, knowledge, and skills to reduce challenging behaviors and promote positive ones.



Our evidence-based approach strengthens the social-emotional development of young children as identified in the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards. If you are feeling challenged by a child's behavior and aren't sure what else to try, Behavior Help Wisconsin can provide you with strategies that will encourage positive behaviors and strengthen your relationship with the child. **Visit our website for more information:** <https://www.4cfc.org/bhw/>

Behavior Help Wisconsin is currently a pilot program operating only in certain areas of the state (Chippewa, Dunn, and St. Croix counties, and the City of Milwaukee). If you are not located in a pilot area, you can receive alternative support from your local Child Care Resource & Referral Agency (CCR&R).

Have you heard of the Partner Up! Grant Program?

Partner Up! is a new state initiative focused on helping businesses secure affordable child care for employees. Business participants in Partner Up! can reserve slots in regulated local child care programs.

With the Partner Up! Program, 75% of the cost of child care can be paid through a government grant. The business would need to cover the remaining 25% of the true cost of care, but could contribute more.

Employees will receive accessible high-quality childcare at little to no out of pocket cost to them. The child care facilities will receive the True Cost of Care as determined by DCF each month.

Any extra funds over tuition for the children enrolled in a child care center can be used in a number of different ways to improve the business (i.e. Training or upgrades to the facility for example.) Visit our website for more information. <https://www.4cfc.org/partner-up-grant-program/>

