

The 4C Connection

From Our Services to Yours - December 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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Racine Office

Our Banker's Road
location merged with the
main 4C office in
Milwaukee on
December 1st.

Be sure to follow us on
Facebook and Instagram!

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

Instagram:
[4cforchildrenwi](https://www.instagram.com/4cforchildrenwi)

As 2022 draws to a close, we want to wish you a holiday season filled with warmth, peace, health, and happiness. The past few years have tested us in unimaginable ways, yet you have continued throughout to show up and deliver for our families and community when needed the most! We couldn't be more thankful for each and every one of you as we have weathered these uncharted waters.

Here's to 2023...may you find meaningful connections to friends & family and time to reflect & celebrate small moments.



Happy New Year!
4C For Children

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



**Need to drop off some
paperwork or have a
document that needs to
be returned to 4C?**

**The 4C For Children
office located
at 1736 N 2nd Street
has a 24 hour drop box!**



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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 Continuing in 2023!

The FREE Child Care Foundational courses will continue to be free in 2023! 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

4C For Children is a DCF approved CPR training agency!

We offer Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED...that's all THREE classes in one.

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 was a HUGE Success!!!

The 2022 Pathways conference was a success with 225 participants, 23 virtual session options, and the first in-person day since 2019! Check out the conference highlights!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lo7BiCGMNJ0>

THANK YOU to everyone that attended and helped with the conference.

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



4C For Children and Family Center of Washington County

Find the program schedule for
January - April here:
<https://www.4cfc.org/familycenter/>



The Family Center website
will be merging with the
4C For Children website!
Be sure to bookmark it by
clicking here:
<https://www.4cfc.org/familycenter/>

YoungStar News and Updates

In November 2021, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) issued its required, regularly scheduled, Request for Proposal for the administration of the YoungStar Quality Rating and Improvement System. Following an extensive process, the department issued an intent to award the contract to Shine Early Learning and is currently finalizing the contract. Shine Early Learning will administer all YoungStar services after a transition period with the current YoungStar administrator, Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA). Although transition and contract details are being finalized, we expect Shine to administer all YoungStar services by spring 2023.

Shine Early Learning, SFTA, and DCF are all committed to working together on a smooth transition, with uninterrupted, high-quality YoungStar services. Although your YoungStar local office, consultant, and/or rater may be changing, many things will remain the same. Throughout the transition and beyond, you can expect the following:

- Shine Early Learning staff will be using the same criteria as the current consultants to complete your rating, and the DCF-planned rating criteria change will not occur until early 2025 at the earliest.
- If you have already been rated by YoungStar, and need to be rated again, you will continue to hold your current rating until YoungStar staff are able to complete a new rating.
- YoungStar staff and local regional offices will continue to be located across Wisconsin, similar to the current model.
- Onsite consultation visits will continue to be an option within YoungStar for any program that requests it. DCF is committed to ensuring that all programs have access to onsite support now, and in the future.
- Providers will be able to select onsite consultation, virtual consultation, group consultation with other providers, and/or access to an online resource site. Providers will be asked to decide which type, how much, and which delivery method (virtual or onsite) of consultation they prefer.
- SFTA and the Child Care Resource and Referral agencies will continue providing:
 - Resources and referrals for families and providers
 - Trainings and technical assistance for families and providers
 - Free foundational trainings
 - Support for tribal nations
 - Outreach and recruitment for certification and pre-licensing
 - Project Growth activities - including Partner Up! and Business Child Care Advocates
- Currently, Shine Early Learning is building a local, Wisconsin team of consultants, coaches, and raters. YoungStar staff and local regional offices will continue to be located across Wisconsin, similar to the current model.

For more information visit: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/program/administration>

DCF Southeast Regional Office News

DCF's SERO is resuming in-person Certification Orientation (CO) sessions for prospective Certified Family Child Care providers. Registrants will receive the application after attending one of the scheduled 2023 Certification Orientation sessions. The CO sessions will be held at 4C For Children on the third Tuesday of each month from 12:00 pm- 2:30 pm. Please contact DCF SERO at 262-446-7800.

DCF's SERO is also resuming the Family and Group Provider Tool Kit sessions in 2023, more to come.

Child Care Counts Updates

(DCF) has allocated \$351 million in funds for the Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program to support Wisconsin's early care and education community. The Stabilization Payment Program Round 2 is a 9 month payment program that runs through April 2023 followed by an additional 9 month payment program, with the renewal application opening in May 2023.

The next application/update period is January 17-21, 2023.

Visit the [DCF webpage](#) to see Application/Update Weeks and Count Weeks for January – 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 Milwaukee Accreditation Facilitation Project was developed by 4C For Children and Milwaukee Succeeds to support a cohort of family and center-based providers through the accreditation process using coaching, technical assistance, and financial supports.

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](#)

Do You Want to Learn More About AFP?

Contact the 4C For Children AFP Coordinator Today! Ashley Harrell | aharrell@4cfc.org | 414.588.8692

Or complete our AFP Interest Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/rKdKTXKzbp>

4C Food Program News and Updates

Monthly claims or related food program paperwork may be submitted by email, fax, USPS mail, online, or in our Milwaukee office drop box at the gray metal door located at 1736 N. 2nd Street.

The 4C Food program can be reached by calling 414-562-2652, Monday-Friday 8:30 to 4:30.

Need to reach 4C CACFP staff? Contact them here:

Kate Coakley Phone: 414-659-4218 or Email: kcoakley@4cfc.org

Tammie Jones Phone: 414-380-0678 or Email: tjones@4cfc.org

Bao Xiong Phone: 414-828-5686 or Email: bxiong@4cfc.org

Doris Acevedo Phone: 414-588-2698 or Email: dacevedo@4cfc.org

What to expect on your CACFP Visits with your Field Representative:

- ✓ Menus – Daily entry of menus and current attendance sheet will be checked for completion
- ✓ Sanitation- The following area will be checked for sanitation:
 - Handwashing
 - Refrigerator & freezer temperature
 - General cleanliness
 - Garbage storage
 - Food storage
- ✓ USDA Meal Pattern- Whole Grain Rich products, Milk, Yogurt, Cereal, Combination Foods
- ✓ Copy of Forms- Copies of:
 - Current menu & attendance forms
 - Approved Income eligibility letter to claim your own children
 - Claim Error letters
 - Child Enrollment forms
 - Past home review visits
 - Original DPI Application and Agreement forms
 - Annual training certificate
- ✓ Current license or certificate posted
- ✓ Discussion of Nutrition and Healthy Meals

Looking for some great recipes?
Look no further! Check Out
Healthy Recipes for Child
Nutrition Professionals at
<https://theicn.org/cnrb/2022-cacfp-recipes/>



**Child Nutrition
Recipe Box**

Healthy Recipes for Child Nutrition Professionals

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).

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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/>

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>