

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Child Care Partnership works with parents, providers, and communities to develop highly competent children through quality early childhood programming.

Our goal is to increase access to consistent, affordable, and quality child care services.



PROGRAMMING

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)
PreLicensing
Pepin County Certification
The Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
YoungStar (YS)
Consulting & Training

Greetings!

2022 was a year full of changes for the Child Care Partnership (CCP) staff. The new Project Growth Initiative brought us Partner Up! working to connect businesses to child care and Dream Up! working with communities to build new child care slots. Pre-licensing staff continued to provide support to prospective providers and work to develop programs in communities dealing with child care deserts. Training and technical assistance have been provided through YoungStar and Behavior Help WI to support providers in best practices so that children can reach their full potential.

Another new support we have worked to implement is family resource programming in Buffalo and Pepin Counties. The Positive Solution for Parents training sessions were offered in collaboration with Western Dairyland Head Start. CCP staff became accredited to deliver Triple P Seminars and Mind in the Making series for both parents and providers.

Early childhood educators in the Western Region continue their essential work through challenging circumstances despite being under-compensated. At the same time, they provide this vital service for children, families, communities, and the economy. CCP staff are proud to support these dedicated professionals as partners and advocates over the past year. CCP staff hosted, presented, and attended many advocacy events and listening sessions, bringing the voices of employers and communities, early childhood professionals, and parents to the forefront with policymakers and legislative leaders. Child care's importance is being recognized throughout the state.

We are optimistic about the prospect of investments in early care and education being understood as a priority for all communities.



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Child Care Program Snapshot

Current Regulation Numbers by County

Total number of programs in each county & regulation type

	Child Care Center	Family Child Care	Preschool Program	School Age Program	Total
Buffalo	2	7	1	0	10
Chippewa	17	24	5	4	50
Dunn	9	10	2	0	21
EC	38	30	7	14	89
Jackson	4	12	3	1	20
Pepin	2	5	0	0	7
Pierce	5	24	2	3	34
Polk	3	16	1	9	29
St. Croix	28	20	4	4	56
Trempealeau	6	9	2	1	18
Total	114	157	27	36	334

23 New Programs
1,187 Slots Gained

23 Programs Closed
931 Slots Lost

Child Care Rates

Weekly, full-time rates from all child care programs by age

	0-11 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6+ years
Average Rate	\$ 189.95	\$ 188.90	\$ 178.29	\$ 172.67	\$ 169.43	\$ 166.90	\$ 161.01
Maximum Rate	\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 264.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 250.00
Minimum Rate	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

For more information on rates in a specific county, city or zip code or by regulation type, contact CCP at ccp@wdeoc.org.

CCR&R

Child Care Resource & Referral staff provides referrals to child care programs for families seeking child care, provides technical assistance to families, provides training & technical assistance to child care programs, and works throughout our service delivery area in the communities we serve attending meetings, work groups & advocating for early childhood professionals.

Families & Children Served

482 referrals to child care programs were conducted for 583 children by CCR&R

8,025 children served by CACFP

12 families supported through Behavior Help WI



Child Care Financial Assistance

The Child Care BRIDGE fund assists low-income families with past-due child care balances to assist with the financial stability of the family while also helping stabilize the revenue of child care programs.

25 families applied

10 families received assistance

\$9,145.28 in financial support was awarded



PreLicensing & Certification

PreLicensing services are for potential family child care and group child care providers who are working towards becoming licensed facilities. Staff also regularly holds outreach sessions to share information to individuals interested in entering the child care workforce.

21 potential providers received support

10 family child care 11 group child care centers

186 hours of onsite or virtual consultation

35 programs became regulated

Child & Adult Care Food Program

The CACFP is a federally funded program sponsored by the USDA. Licensed or certified family child care providers are eligible to receive financial reimbursement for serving nutritious snacks & meals to enrolled children.

The CACFP staff worked with

154 family child care programs who served 457,537 meals & snacks to 8,025 children!



423

**Home Visits
Onsite or Virtual**

844+

**Hours of
Consulting**

\$826,855.39

**Reimbursed to
Programs**

The Western Dairyland Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) serves Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Trempealeau, Washburn, & Vernon Counties including the Ho-Chunk Nation.

YoungStar



YoungStar is Wisconsin's child care quality rating & improvement system. Staff offer training, technical assistance, coaching, and other resources to help child care programs achieve their goals & increase the quality of their program!

Ratings as of 12/31/2022

85% Participation Rate in YoungStar

0 ★ Star

117 ★★ Star

59 Automated 2 Star

90 ★★★ Star

16 ★★★★★ Star

1 Automated 4 Star

39 ★★★★★ Star

34 Automated 5 Star

*22 PROGRAMS ARE NOT YET RATED

255

Visits Conducted
(Onsite or Virtual)

875

Hours Provided
to Programs

97%

Satisfaction Rate
of Services

66

Technical Ratings

144

Hours Onsite for
Technical Rating

Behavior Help Wisconsin

Behavior Help Wisconsin provides consultation to child care programs & working with the family to prevent expulsion by reducing challenging behaviors in Chippewa, Dunn & St. Croix County.



16 CHILDREN

18 CHILD CARE PROVIDERS/TEACHERS

133+ HOURS OF COACHING & CONSULTATION

Training & Conference

Training and continuing education hours are offered annual to all child care programs and staff.

44 trainings held

414+ participants



67 participants attended 6 hours of professional development

Partner Up! & Dream Up!

The Partner Up! grant program will provide \$10 million in funding to support partnerships between businesses who purchase slots at existing regulated child care providers.

The Dream Up! grants support communities through a collaborative community approach, teams will work to evaluate, plan, sustain existing child care, and expand it in areas where there is need.

PARTNER UP!

36 BUSINESSES PARTICIPATING TO SUPPORT 117 SLOTS FOR 83 FAMILIES

DREAM UP!

4 COMMUNITIES AWARDED \$75,000 EACH

(ST. CROIX VALLEY, CHIPPEWA VALLEY, JACKSON COUNTY & OSSEO FAIRCHILD)

Additional Work & Consulting

Additional training, consultation & work is provided based on funding available and was done through the following activities in 2022:

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO:

343 FAMILIES

90 POTENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

914 CHILD CARE PROGRAM & PROVIDERS

586 COMMUNITY MEMBERS

DIRECTORS COHORT

18+ directors & administrators continue to meet monthly to learn & network.

In December, the Directors involved in the ongoing Directors Cohort hosted a two-hour meeting focused on an opportunity for advocacy. State legislators from the SDA and community partners were invited to hear child care group center directors' concerns and needs related to the ongoing needs & support their programs are relying on, such as Child Care Counts and Partner Up! funding. The Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley, and Supporting Families Together Association Partner Up! staff were also in attendance.

4K ENVIRONMENT RATINGS

2021-2022 4K ECERS were completed for the School District of the Menomonie Area. There were 9 observations completed and 116 hours of work was completed through this contract.

PYRAMID MODEL EXTERNAL COACHING

Staff is working with a group center in Eau Claire to provide external coaching for Pyramid Model Implementation in their program. This work will include internal coaching in 2023!

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