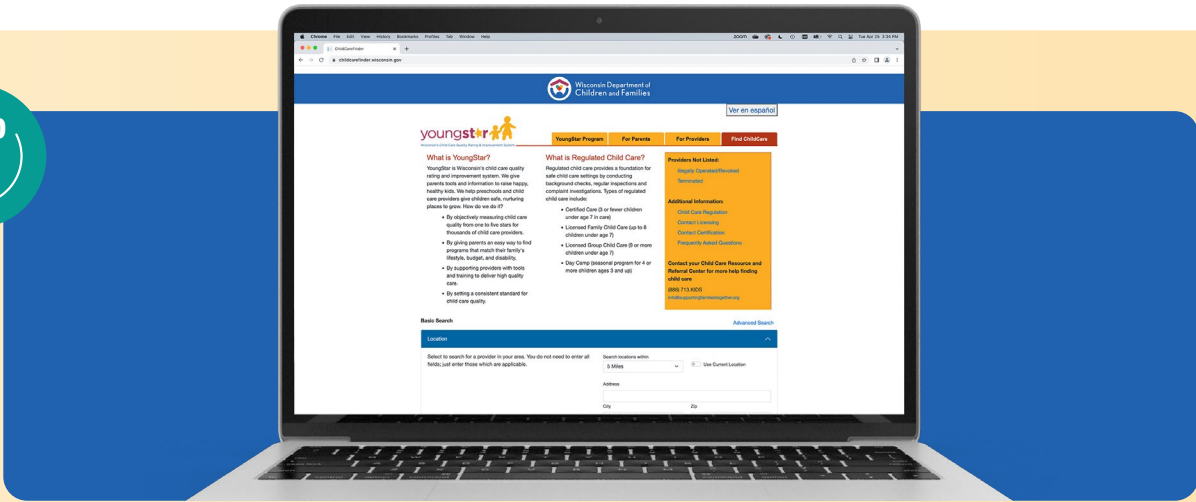


Find Quality Child Care With Help From DCF



Are you looking for quality child care? You've come to the right place. DCF is Wisconsin's most trusted source for finding quality-rated child care. Getting started is easy. We'll walk you through it step-by-step.

Step 1



Child Care Finder website

Find us at childcarefinder.wisconsin.gov

Step 2

Basic Search Advanced Search

Location

Select to search for a provider in your area. You do not need to enter all fields; just enter those which are applicable.

Search locations within Use Current Location

Address

City Zip

County

Have a provider in mind? Scroll to the Find a Specific Program section. Then, simply enter the provider's program name.

Enter basic search criteria

Enter your address to find providers in your area. You can adjust the radius size as needed.



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Step 3

Your Child Care Needs

Public schools that are participating in YoungStar will appear if you search for group centers.

What type of child care is needed?

- Group Centers
- Family Providers
- Day Camps

Choose the type of child care

Think about what type of child care best fits your needs. You can choose one or all the following:

Group: A licensed provider who can care for nine or more children. These are usually in a commercial setting.

Family Provider: A licensed or certified provider who can care for four to eight children, which generally takes place in the provider’s home.

Day Camps: Licensed seasonal programs that can care for four or more children above age 3. These are usually in an outdoor setting.

Step 4

YoungStar Rating

youngstar

Select whether you would like to limit your search to providers participating in YoungStar. You may also limit your search to providers with specific star ratings.

YoungStar Rating: All Providers

- ★★★★★ Meets highest levels of quality standards
- ★★★★ Meets elevated levels of quality standards
- ★★★ Meets proficient levels of quality standards
- ★★ Meets health and safety standards
- ★ Does not meet health and safety standards

Know your YoungStar rating

Time to think about your quality needs and wants. Use the rating guide to get a top-level idea of what the ratings mean. Keep in mind a lot goes into our evaluation—and DCF doesn’t take it lightly. Once you get your results, you can view each provider’s rating and details. You can also see the program’s services and licensing details.

Understanding star ratings

- ★★★★★ **5 Star program**
Meets highest levels of quality standards
- ★★★★★ **4 Star program**
Meets elevated levels of quality standards
- ★★★ **3 Star program**
Meets proficient levels of quality standards
- ★★ **2 Star program**
Meets health and safety standards
- ★ **1 Star program**
Does not meet health and safety standards, and therefore cannot participate in YoungStar



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Step 5

[Show More Options](#)

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Search

Get your results

Time to hit the search button and see your quality child care options.

Step 6

Search / Search Results

Look below the map to see a listing of matching child care centers.

Showing 1 - 50 out of 4603

Next > Last >

Filter By:

- Infant Care (3349)
- 4K Programming (269)
- Head Start Programming (267)
- EHS-CCP Programming (73)
- EHS Programming (173)
- Nighttime Care (1070)
- Weekend Care (713)
- Sign Language (1)
- Hmong (1)
- Ojibwe (0)
- Oneida (0)
- Spanish (103)

Discover your quality child care options

The results are in! You should see a complete list of providers based on your search criteria. To view the provider's details, simply click on their name. This should give you all the information you need to get started. You're on your way to finding the care your child deserves.

If your search doesn't provide a lot of choices, try modifying your search to include more options.



Learn what to ask before you choose. Check out our [Interviewing Providers guide at \[dcf.wisconsin.gov/publications\]\(https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/publications\)](#).

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families is your trusted source for child care information, resources, and support!

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