

# Is my business eligible to accept Wisconsin Shares?

The Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program helps families afford high-quality child care—but kids and caregivers aren't the only ones who benefit. Accepting Wisconsin Shares subsidy payments means you can serve more families in your community. It also connects you to the tools, resources, and support you need to deliver high-quality care. Hundreds of child care providers grow their business with Wisconsin Shares. You can too.



Visit [dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares/providers/acceptingwishes](https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares/providers/acceptingwishes) and make sure you meet the requirements to accept Wisconsin Shares families today.



To learn more about child care regulation, joining YoungStar and more, visit [dcf.wisconsin.gov/providers](https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/providers) today.



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## What if I am an out-of-state provider?

Providers who are located outside of Wisconsin may be eligible to accept Wisconsin Shares child care subsidies. Visit [dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares/providers/outofstate](https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares/providers/outofstate) to learn how your business can meet program requirements and get authorized to care for Wisconsin Shares families.



## How do I become a regulated provider?

In Wisconsin, licensed and voluntarily certified child care providers are regulated by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF). Visit [dcf.wisconsin.gov/ccregulation](https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/ccregulation) to learn more about becoming a regulated child care provider, like receiving a background check, and to find the right application for your business type.

## What is YoungStar?

YoungStar is Wisconsin's child care quality rating and improvement system. It objectively measures child care quality using a simple, 5-Star scale. It also offers participating providers practical guidelines, resources, and hands-on support to help you make sensible changes and improve the quality of your program. Ready to apply? Visit [dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/contract](https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/contract) to get started today.



## How can I improve my YoungStar rating?

At [dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/resources](https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/resources), you can find a variety of useful YoungStar resources that can help you improve the quality of your program in four key areas: provider education and training, the program's learning environment and curriculum, its professional and business practices, and the health and well-being of the program's children. Visit [dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/training](https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/training) to learn about YoungStar's free and low-cost training opportunities.



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