

**Early Care and Education Resource Listing
November 2008**

WISCONSIN RESOURCES

Birth to 3 Program

Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Long Term Care, Bureau of Long-Term Support
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Madison, WI 53707-7851
Phone: 608-261-6836
Fax: 608-261-6752
World Wide Web: <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/birthto3/index.htm>

Birth to 3 is Wisconsin's early intervention program for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities and their families. A federal law, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), provides a framework for a comprehensive program and coordinates developmental, health and social services within a community. The Department of Health Services oversees the Birth to 3 Program in Wisconsin. The Birth to 3 Program is for children ages birth to 36 months. Eligibility is based on a diagnosed disability or significant delay in one or more areas of development. The team will evaluate the child's ability to: learn (cognitive development); move, see and hear (physical/motor development); communicate and understand other's communication (speech and language development); respond to and relate with others (social and emotional development); and eat, dress and care for daily living needs (adaptive development). A Birth to 3 service coordinator helps the family understand and participate in the evaluation process.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Community Nutrition Programs
P.O. Box 7841
Madison, WI 53707
Phone: 608-267-9129
World Wide Web: <http://dpi.wi.gov/fns/cacfp1.html>

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) administers the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) in Wisconsin. The CACFP helps provide funding for nutritious meals and snacks served to children and adults receiving day care. In addition to day care, the CACFP also provides funding for meals served to children and youths residing in homeless shelters, and for snacks provided to youths participating in eligible after school care programs. The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) promotes healthy and nutritious meals for children and adults in day care by reimbursing participating day care operators for their meal costs. A fact sheet on the CACFP program is available at: http://dpi.wi.gov/fns/doc/cacfp_fs.doc

Child Care Certification

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Bureau of Early Childhood Education
201 E. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 7935
Madison, WI 53707-7935
Phone: 608-261-6317, Option 2
Fax: 608-266-8302
World Wide Web: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/certification/default.htm>

A child care provider who provides care for 3 or fewer children under the age of 7 years who are unrelated to the provider may voluntarily become certified. The county/tribal human services departments are required to certify providers who serve children subsidized by the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program. The counties/tribes may make certification available to all providers, whether or not public funding is involved. DCF promulgates the certification rules in chapter DWD 55. There are 72 counties and 8 tribes throughout Wisconsin that administer certification programs; monitor providers for compliance with the certification rules, and investigate complaints. The certification agencies maintain a file on each provider that includes copies of the provider's complaint and compliance history. Information on a provider's complaint and compliance history is available by phone, mail or in-person review. The listing of certification agencies is posted at: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/certification/pdf/certifiers.pdf>

Child Care Information Center (CCIC)

2109 S Stoughton Road
Madison, WI 53716
Phone: 608-224-5388 or 1-800-362-7353
Fax: 608-224-6178
Email: ccic@dpi.wi.gov
World Wide Web: <http://dpi.wi.gov/ccic/>

CCIC is a mail-order lending library and information clearinghouse serving anyone in Wisconsin working in the field of child care and early childhood education. CCIC offers educators statewide free written materials, help in planning individualized and group trainings, and loan of books and videos from a specialized collection in the DPI Reference and Loan Library. Staff will search out information as requested and mail it out in customized packets. CCIC has materials on numerous topics including: 1) child care, early childhood, and school-age care; 2) early childhood curriculum and assessment; 3) health and safety; 4) Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (books, posters, bookmarks, and training materials); 5) multi-cultural awareness; 6) inclusion of children with disabilities in child care programs; 7) brochures and other information providers need to meet regulatory requirements; and 8) materials in Spanish and Hmong.

Child Care Licensing

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Bureau of Early Care Regulation
1 W. Wilson Street, Room 534, P.O. Box 8916
Madison, WI 53708-8916
Phone: 608-266-9314
Fax: 608-267-7252
World Wide Web: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/licensed/Index.HTM>

Child care programs that provide care for 4 or more children under age 7 who are unrelated to the provider are required to be licensed. There are 5 regional and 3 district offices around the state that issue licenses, monitor programs for compliance with the licensing rules, and investigate complaints. The licensing offices maintain a file on each facility that includes copies of the center's complaint and compliance history. Information on a center's complaint and compliance history is available by phone, mail or in-person review. Packets that provide information on how to become licensed are available for \$10 through the regional offices.

Child Care Resource and Referral

<http://www.supportingfamilies.together.org/families/ccrr.php>

Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies "do what it takes" to make child care work for families in the State of Wisconsin. They help parents sort through child care options and assist them in selecting quality child care. CCR&R agencies help to increase the supply of child care in areas that may be lacking sufficient care, offer start up information and technical support to potential child care providers, and give technical assistance and support to existing child care programs. They help communities, employers, school districts, W-2 agencies, and others develop local solutions to complex child care problems. The CCR&Rs in Wisconsin refer equally to family child care and group centers, depending on parent need, preference and availability. They serve all families and all child care programs.

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program (CYSHCN)

Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health,

Bureau of Family and Community Health

Phone: 608-266-8178

Fax: 608-267-3824

World Wide Web: http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/dph_bfch/cshcn/index.HTM

The Wisconsin CYSHCN Program philosophy and principles are that children are best served within their families.

- Children and families are best supported within the context of their community.
- Families will have convenient access to care coordinators.
- Collaboration is the best way to provide comprehensive services.
- Family perspectives and presence must be included in all aspects of the system

The Wisconsin CYSHCN Program directs projects and programs, provides leadership and technical assistance to support the efforts of agencies, provides education and training opportunities for staff and service providers and coordinates a statewide system of nutrition services. The CYSHCN Program provides grants to promote care for Wisconsin children and youth with special health care needs and their families.

Children's Trust Fund

110 East Main Street, Suite 614

Madison, WI 53703

Phone: 608-266-6871 or 1-866-640-3936

Fax: 608-266-3792

World Wide Web: <http://wctf.state.wi.us/home/Default.htm>

The mission of the Children's Trust Fund is to advocate, support, and sustain a statewide culture that encourages family and community life in which children will develop and flourish in a safe environment free from all forms of abuse and neglect. The Children's Trust Fund encourages the development of diverse approaches to meet local needs for parent education and support. The Children's Trust Fund provides family resource centers with best practice information and tools for collecting uniform data and outcome-based evaluation strategies to measure the effectiveness of prevention programs.

Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA)

World Wide Web: <http://dpi.wi.gov/cesa.html>

CESA agencies provide leadership and coordination of services for school districts, including curriculum development assistance; school district management development; coordination of vocational education; and exceptional education, research, special student classes, human growth and development, data collection processing and dissemination, and in-service programs. CESA agencies work in partnership with school districts to provide leadership and to help facilitate change and continuous improvement in schools so that all children will achieve educational excellence. Twelve agencies across Wisconsin provide statewide service delivery.

Early Childhood Career Guide

World Wide Web: http://www.collaboratingpartners.com/career_g/Index.html

The intent of this Guide is to provide an overview of early childhood career opportunities in Wisconsin, a summary of key programs and resources, definitions of common terms, and a framework for individualized professional development planning. It is designed to assist readers in navigating the maze of possible careers, career requirements, and career paths in early childhood. The current early childhood field in Wisconsin includes a variety of high quality programs and services that appear fragmented by different funding streams, program requirements, and eligibility criteria. Wisconsin envisions a seamless, blended system that encompasses all who touch the lives of young children and their families. The complexity of this Career Guide demonstrates that this vision has not yet been achieved. The development and revision of this Guide is intended, however, to continue to move Wisconsin closer to our ideal of a unified early childhood community.

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Project (ECCS)

Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Maternal and Child Health Program

1 West Wilson

Madison, WI 53702

Phone: 608-267-0329

World Wide Web: http://www.collaboratingpartners.com/eccs_what.htm

The Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Project is a major statewide planning initiative, working toward better coordination of all services and programs that touch the lives of young children, birth through age five. ECCS is based on building relationships among adults who care about the crucial significance of the early years in young children's lives. State partners involved in the ECCS Project come from the areas of health, mental health, family support, parenting education, child care, and preschool education.

Early Childhood Special Education

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

125 S. Webster Street

Madison, WI 53707

World Wide Web: <http://dpi.wi.gov/ec/ecspedhm.html>

Each of Wisconsin's 426 school districts provide special education services to children with identified disabilities, ages three to 21. Programs serving children from three to five years of age are called Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) programs. Services are provided in the least restrictive environment within a range of settings including the home, child care, Head Start, kindergarten, and

early childhood special education classrooms. When children are served in general education, consultation and support services are available to teachers and other staff. Each school district is responsible to provide a continuum of Special Education and Related Services to Children with Disabilities and who need special education. Children are evaluated to determine if they meet state eligibility criteria.

Early Learning Coalition: Great Start

c/o Wisconsin Council on Children and Families
555 W Washington Ave Suite 200
Madison WI 53703
Telephone: 608.284.0580
Fax 608.284.0583
World Wide Web: www.greatstartwi.org

The Early Learning Coalition is comprised of organizations and individuals who work together to promote public policies and investments that make high quality early care and education a top priority in our state. The Leadership Council of the Coalition has representation from eleven core organizations, representing statewide services to young children and families including: child care, services to children with disabilities, four-year-old kindergarten, Head Start and advocacy. The Coalition supports building on existing public structures for early care and education, including child care licensing to protect health and safety, support to help low-income families afford child care, four year-old kindergarten, Head Start and Early Head Start services, and intervention services for children with disabilities. *Great Start: Early Learning Matters* is the public engagement campaign of the Coalition.

Organizational members of the Early Learning Coalition Leadership Council:

Disability Rights Wisconsin
Milwaukee Child Care Alliance
Wisconsin Association of School Boards
Wisconsin Child Care Administrators Association
Wisconsin Child Care Resource and Referral Network
Wisconsin Council on Children and Families
Wisconsin Council for Exceptional Children - Division for Early Childhood
Wisconsin Early Childhood Association
Wisconsin Family Child Care Association
Wisconsin Head Start Association
Wisconsin Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Association

Grow in Quality Materials

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Bureau of Early Childhood Education
201 E. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 7935
Madison, WI 53707-7935
Phone: 608-266-7001
Fax: 608-266-8302
World Wide Web: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/growingquality/default.htm>

This project was conducted to identify key indicators of child care quality and to begin the process of designing technical assistance specific to quality indicators. Data was gathered on quality indicators from licensed group and licensed family child care centers participating in targeted areas of the state. The two primary purposes of the Grow in Quality project were:

- 1.) To design and test an efficient, accurate, and effective instrument that can be used reliably by trained observers to assess key quality indicators, including classroom environments and business practices in group center programs and family child care programs.
- 2.) To use the information gathered from the assessments, in collaboration with early care and education program directors, to develop meaningful plans for program improvement, to implement specified amounts and types of technical assistance, and to assess the impact of technical assistance on key quality indicators.

Parents Plus, Inc.

660 E. Mason Street, Suite 100
Milwaukee, WI 53202
Phone: 1-877-384-1769
World Wide Web: www.parentspluswi.org

Parents Plus was established as a statewide Parent Information and Resource Center to bring parental education and assistance to families; it is a leader in Wisconsin's home visitation arena. Parents Plus provides training, technical assistance and support to approximately 45 Parents as Teacher (PAT) sites in Wisconsin. Parents Plus also helped develop and is fiscal agent to the Early Years Home Visitation Outcomes Project of Wisconsin, with primary interest in preventing intentional and unintentional injury, improving family functioning, and promoting child health and development.

Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin

211 S. Paterson St., Suite 250
Madison, WI 53703
Phone: 608-256-3374
Email: pcaw@cssw.org
World Wide Web: <http://www.preventchildabusewi.org/>

Children's Service Society of Wisconsin is the state's largest private, not-for-profit provider of child welfare services. The mission of Children's Service Society is to build, sustain and enhance a nurturing environment for Wisconsin children. Prevent Child Abuse America leads the way in building awareness, providing education and inspiring hope to everyone involved in the effort to prevent the abuse and neglect of our nation's children.

Public School Kindergarten

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
125 S. Webster Street
Madison, WI 53707
World Wide Web: <http://dpi.wi.gov/ec/eckindhm.html>

All Public elementary schools include 5-year-old kindergarten and may include 4-year-old kindergarten programs. Recently, 4-year-old kindergarten programs have seen a dramatic increase. Typically, these programs have been in public school buildings. An increased number of school districts have initiated community based approaches through partnerships that bring 4 and 5-year-old kindergarten programs into child care, preschool, or Head Start center settings. In these locations, licensed teachers may still have separate kindergarten classrooms, may team-teach in a blended program, or teach through other arrangements. Currently over 1/3 of Wisconsin school districts offer 4-year-old kindergarten to all children in their district and another 1/3 of the districts are looking into 4K.

****Quality Care for Quality Kids (QCQK) Materials**

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

201 E. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 7935

Madison, WI 53707-7935

Phone: 608-266-7001

Fax: 608-266-8302

World Wide Web: <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/kidsfirst>

**The Governor's "Quality Counts for Kids" proposal did not pass legislation during the Spring of 2005, however, the department is still committed to working on a system that will help parents make informed decisions about the care of their children. Department of Children and Families is continuing to work with our partners to determine if there are key elements of the Quality Care for Quality Kids platform we can implement. This initiative was proposed to rate the quality of child care providers, tie subsidy reimbursement rates to quality levels, and use quality ratings to offer parents more information to make the best possible child care choice. This web address provides information on how the Task Force Recommendation was made and what resources, research and materials were reviewed and discussed when developing the recommendation. Additionally, materials are available at this web address that provide frequently asked questions and answers, and include training materials that had been developed to help the child care workforce clearly understand the components within the rating system.

The Registry

2517 Seiferth Road

Madison, WI 53716

Phone: 608-222-1123

Email: registry@the-registry.org

World Wide Web: www.the-registry.org

The Registry is a career level system which awards a certificate verifying that an individual has met all State of Wisconsin, Department of Children and Family Services entry level training and is qualified for the position that s/he holds. Additional credit based training is categorized by core knowledge areas as defined by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The Registry encourages professional development by defining set goals and recognizes the attainment of those goals by individuals. The Registry has developed highly specialized professional credentials and awards completion of the credential to those individuals who have met all prescribed goals.

R.E.W.A.R.D - Rewarding Education with Wages And Respect for Dedication

Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA)

744 Williamson Street, Suite 200

Madison, WI 53703

Phone: 608-240-9880 or 1-800-783-9322

Fax: 608-240-9890

World Wide Web: <http://www.wecanaeyc.org/reward/>

The R.E.W.A.R.D.™ WISCONSIN Stipend Program is a compensation and retention initiative for members of the early care and education workforce. Incremental yearly salary supplements are awarded to individuals based on their educational attainments and longevity in the field. This program encourages increased education and retention through increased compensation.

Strengthening Families

Children's Trust Fund

110 East Main Street, Suite 810

Madison, WI 53703

Phone: 1-866-640-3936

<http://wctf.state.wi.us/home/StrengtheningFamilies.htm>

Wisconsin was one of the first seven states to pilot the Strengthening Families through Early Care and Education Initiative—an innovative, research-based strategy to prevent child maltreatment by building on the strong relationships that parents of young children typically have with their child care providers. Strengthening Families–Wisconsin continues to work in three main areas: Increasing the number of child care programs in the state that build protective factors with families, enhancing relationships between child welfare and early care and education, and improving coordination across fields that work with young children and their families

Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA)

2109 South Stoughton Road

Madison WI 53716

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Fax: 608-224-6178

Email: Lilly.irvin-vitela@dpi.wi.gov

World Wide Web: <http://www.supportingfamielstogether.org/>

SFTA's mission is to support those groups that promote quality care, resources and education to enrich the lives of children. Fifteen (15) Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agencies are members of the Supporting Families Together Association. Together, these 15 CCR&Rs serve the state of Wisconsin by connecting parents with the child care services they need, recognizing the influence that information and consumer education has on parental choice, and promoting the professional development of those who care for children. From business start-up information to training and technical assistance, CCR&Rs encourage business owners to go above and beyond the basic standards of quality in the care and education they provide for Wisconsin's children. They also collect child care data and infuse that data into communities to inform decision-making and planning.

Nineteen (19) Family Resource Centers are members of the Supporting Families Together Association. Although each Family Resource Center is unique, they all focus on family strengths and build self-esteem and confidence within families. Because all parents need help at some time, but not all families need the same type or intensity of support, Family Resource Centers develop a wide range of programs to serve the needs of their communities.

The Wisconsin Child Care Improvement Project (WCCIP) is an integral part of the Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA). WCCIP is dedicated to improving child care by supporting early care and education professionals in a variety of ways to provide best practices within the early care and education field. Technical consultants work throughout the state with family child care programs and child care group centers, assisting them with pre-licensing preparations and program quality enhancement.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® WISCONSIN – Teacher Education And Compensation Helps

Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA)

744 Williamson Street, Suite 200

Madison, WI 53703

Phone: 608-240-9880 or 1-800-783-9322

Fax: 608-240-9890

World Wide Web: <http://www.wecanaeyc.org/teach/>

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® WISCONSIN is a statewide scholarship program designed to help child care center teaching staff, Head Start teachers, family child care providers, center directors and administrators meet their professional development goals while continuing their current employment in regulated early childhood and school age care settings. T.E.A.C.H. links education, compensation and commitment to improving the quality of early education. Currently there are five scholarship models available to support credit-based education. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® WISCONSIN is the scholarship program that pays for expenses related to the completion of an educational path. T.E.A.C.H. also provides career, academic and/or personal counseling services to recipients as needed.

Think Big. Start Small.

c/o Supporting Families Together Association

2109 South Stoughton Road

Madison WI 53716

Phone: 608-224-6162 or 1-888-713-KIDS to reach your local CCR&R agency

Email: Lilly.irvin-vitela@dpi.wi.gov

World Wide Web: www.thinkbigstartsmall.org

Think. Big. Start Small. is a highly successful public outreach campaign created to increase awareness of the importance of high quality early care & education for all children. The messages of *Think Big. Start Small* speak to parents, early childhood teachers, caregivers, and community members by focusing on:

- The importance of high quality early childhood education and care
- Recognition of the importance of early learning, which occurs and must be supported in any early childhood setting
- The important role that the community has in making sure every child has access to high quality early learning and care experiences.

T-Net, the Wisconsin Training Network and Event Calendar

c/o The Registry

Phone: 608-222-1123

Email: admin@t-net.org

World Wide Web: <http://www.t-net.org>

T-Net is the statewide, profession-wide, free, web-based interactive training calendar for anyone in the field of child care and education in Wisconsin. From the T-Net web site, events and trainings may be sorted according to area of the state, date, topic, sponsor, or presenter. Those looking for trainings to attend can create a personalized calendar or training "shopping cart" by selecting only those events in which they are interested. Agencies offering training are encouraged to register as sponsors and post their event information directly on the interactive T-Net web site. Trainers can print barcode verification labels from the T-Net site.

UMOS Migrant Day Care

300 S. Koeller Street

Oshkosh, WI 54902-5590

Phone: 920-232-9611

Fax: 920-232-8129

World Wide Web: http://www.umos.org/childhood/day_care.aspx

UMOS services enhance the overall development of children from migrant farm-worker parents through the consolidation and allocation of administration and social service migrant daycare funds. The overall goal of the UMOS Migrant Daycare Program is to collaboratively provide quality educational and supportive services to eligible migratory children, addressing their special needs and empowering them to achieve to high standards. UMOS currently provides services to migrant children in the following Wisconsin counties: Adams, Barron, Brown, Buffalo, Columbia, Dodge, Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Jackson, Jefferson, Manitowoc, Marquette, Oconto, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Polk, Portage, Richland, Sauk, Sheboygan, St. Croix, Trempealeau, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago, and Wood.

Waisman Center

1500 Highland Avenue

Madison, WI 53705-2280

Phone: 608-263-5776

Fax: 608-263-0529

World Wide Web: <http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/cedd/ecfr.html>

The Waisman Center is one of 14 national centers dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about human development and developmental disabilities through research and practice. The Waisman Center shares its resources in many ways – through public lectures and seminars; through consultation to physicians, educators, and other professionals; through an internet web site and resource center specializing in topics related to developmental disabilities; and through articles in professional journals, books, and other publications.

Birth to Three training and technical assistance is available at:

<http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/cedd/indexfr.html>

Wisconsin After School Association

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World Wide Web: <http://www.naaweb.org/>

The National After School Association's mission is to be the leading voice of the after-school profession dedicated to the development, education, and care of children and youth during their out-of-school hours. Wisconsin After School Association is the state affiliate of the national organization. The Wisconsin After School Association hosts a statewide conference, administers the Wisconsin School-Age Credential, publishes a quarterly newsletter, and supports public policy development at state and national levels.

Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health (WI-AIMH)

133 South Butler Street, Suite 340
Madison, WI 53703-5606
Phone: 608-442-0360
World Wide Web: <http://www.wiimh.org/index.htm>

The WI-AIMH is focused on promoting healthy social and emotional development of all Wisconsin children birth through age five. Recent efforts have focused on the development of a blueprint for a comprehensive system of care that includes prevention, early intervention, and treatment. The goal of the initiative is to weave infant and early childhood principles into the fabric of all systems that touch the life of children under age five. The developing infant and early childhood system of care in Wisconsin includes the critical components of public awareness, training, service delivery, and policy

Wisconsin Child Care Administrator's Association

World Wide Web: <http://www.wccaa.org/index.html>
Board President- Laura Klingelhoets 2008-2010
Phone: 262-285-7638
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The Wisconsin Child Care Administrators Association was founded in 1976 to help child care administrators in Wisconsin network with each other, spread the news about issues affecting them, take joint action on advocacy issues, and help administrators find out about classes and training specifically designed to meet their needs. WCCAA plays a critical role in directing the future of professionalism in child care in Wisconsin by working with our local, state, and federal government officials to educate them about their organization, their members, and their commitment to professionalism and excellence in child care.

Wisconsin Child Care Improvement Project (WCCIP)

2109 S. Stoughton Road
Madison, WI 53716
Phone: 608 224-5382
Fax: 608-224-6178
jane.ilgen@dpi.state.wi.us
World Wide Web: www.wccip.org

Under the umbrella of Supporting Families Together Association, the WCCIP provides a system of specialized support services to establish child care programs and to improve program quality and business practices. WCCIP consultants lead individuals or groups through defined processes including child care state licensing preparation and national child care program accreditation. WCCIP offers individualized consultations, group trainings and resources for child care providers.

Wisconsin Child Care Providers Together: AFSCME-CCPT

8033 Excelsior Drive. Ste. B
Madison, WI 53717
Telephone: 608.836-4040 ext. 222 or 1-877-77-CHILD ext. 222
Fax: 608-836-4444
Email: wiccpt@afscmecouncil40.9rg
World Wide Web: www.wisconsinccpt.org

CCPT is a group of family child care providers who advocate and work together on family child care issues. CCPT is supported by AFSCME, one of the nation's largest and most effective unions. Working together, AFSCME-CCPT and family child care providers will have the political clout, resources, and strength to face the difficult challenges providers confront every day. The union was recognized by the State of Wisconsin as the sole bargaining unit for family child care in 2007. A Provider Bill of Rights and initial contract were negotiated in 2008.

Wisconsin Child Care Research Partnership (WCCRP) Materials

University of Wisconsin-Extension

World Wide Web: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/wccrp/>

The Wisconsin Child Care Research Partnership was developed as a partnership with UW-Extension, the Department of Workforce Development, and the Wisconsin CCR&R Network. The Partnership conducted statewide research on all aspects of the early care and education system in the state between 2000 and 2006, as one of 9 federally-funded research partnerships. The research findings, particularly related to the quality of care for low-income children, led to the publication of research briefs and policy options papers, as well as testimony, papers, and reports for many policy level groups. The Research Partnership provided many of the research analyses and simulations for the proposed Quality Care for Quality Kids Initiative during 2004-2005. The Research Partnership participated in a federal Data Research Capacity grant, working with partners to develop the statewide "provider file," containing data from several state agencies and groups. The Partnership formally ended in 2006, but materials are still available at the above web address.

Wisconsin Circuit Court Access

World Wide Web: <http://wcca.wicourts.gov/index.xsl>

This website (WCCA) provides access to certain public records of the circuit courts of Wisconsin. The information displayed is an exact copy of the case information entered into the Consolidated Court Automation Programs (CCAP) case management system by court staff in the counties where the case files are located. The court record summaries viewed here are all public records under Wisconsin open records law.

Wisconsin Council on Children and Families (Also **Early Education Matters)**

Wisconsin Council on Children and Families

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Madison, Wisconsin 53703

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Fax: 608.284.0583

World Wide Web: <http://www.wccf.org>

The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families, Inc. is a nonprofit, multi-issue child and family advocacy agency. Headquartered in Madison, the Council's mission is to promote the well-being of children and families in Wisconsin by advocating for effective and efficient health, education, and human service delivery systems. WCCF accomplishes this through educational conferences; on-going projects like W-2 Watch (Wisconsin's Welfare Reform), Wisconsin Budget Project, and Great Beginnings (our early childhood brain development initiative); and publications like the *WisKids Count Data Books and Juvenile Justice Pipeline*. One major project is Early Education Matters. The intent of

the Early Education Matters (EEM) Project is to expand the quality and quantity of early education experiences available to Wisconsin's four-year-olds. Although it is recognized that there are many needed early childhood system improvements, this project is funded to focus on community approaches to four-year-old kindergarten. This is accomplished by means of collaborations that involve a broad range of early childhood stakeholders including school districts, child care providers, Head Start and others with the intent to achieve a common goal--quality early learning options that include a 4K component and are readily available to parents.

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

2811 Agriculture Drive

PO Box 8911

Madison, WI 53708-8911

Phone: 608-224-5012

World Wide Web: <http://datcp.state.wi.us/index.jsp>

This agency is responsible for food safety, animal and plant health, protecting water and soil and monitoring fair and safe business practices. This agency is responsible to inspect and license more than 100,000 businesses and individuals, analyze millions of laboratory samples, conduct hundreds of hearings and investigations, educate businesses and consumers about best practices, adopt rules that have the force of law, and promote Wisconsin agriculture at home and abroad.

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families – Bureau of Early Childhood Education:

Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program and Quality Improvement Initiatives

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Bureau of Early Childhood Education

201 E. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 7935

Madison, WI 53707-7935

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Fax: 608-266-8302

Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/wishares/default.htm>

Quality Initiatives: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/quality/default.htm>

The Department of Children and Families, Bureau of Early Childhood Education, is established to have lead planning responsibilities for state government child care programs. Their vision is to provide access to affordable, high quality child care and early education experiences, to enhance children's development and to support their families in work and parenting roles. The Bureau of Early Childhood Education, in cooperation with the early childhood community, provides knowledgeable leadership, guidance, and joint planning to achieve this vision. The Bureau provides effective management, development, and coordination of public child care assistance to families. Also, the Bureau facilitates increased quality programming and planned supply of child care and early education services.

Wisconsin Department of Commerce – Safety and Building Division

201 W. Washington Avenue

Madison, WI 53703

Phone: 608-266-3151

World Wide Web: <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/SB-HomePage.html>

Safety and Building Code information available in multiple formats, sorted by: Safety and Building Programs, Safety and Building Topics, and Safety and Building Code Chapter.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Project Learning Tree

P.O. Box 7921

Madison, WI 53707-7921

Phone: 608-264-6280

Email: dnrpltwildwet@wisconsin.gov

World Wide Web: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/pltwild/plt.htm>

Wisconsin Project Learning Tree (PLT) Early Childhood Activity Guide and Music/Movement CD - Educational designed materials to teach kids how to think, not what to think, about environmental issues. With these fun, interdisciplinary activities, children become nature detectives, dance with a tree, and take a simulated walk through a forest—complete with the sounds of the animals that live there! The activity guide and CD feature: guided outdoor explorations; animal voices, dances, stories, and simulations; an annotated bibliography; art; assessments; and a topic related snack into 35 activities. The curriculum is correlated to the [Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards](#). Designed for all educators and naturalists, the materials are only available through PLT workshops lead by certified instructors.

Wisconsin Division for Early Childhood (WDEC)

923 East Garland Street

West Salem, WI 54669

Phone: 608-786-4844

Fax: 608-786-4801

World Wide Web: www.dec-sped.org

WDEC is a state chapter of the Division for Early Childhood (DEC), one of seventeen divisions of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) - the largest international professional organization dedicated to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities, and/or the gifted. DEC is especially for individuals who work with or on behalf of children with special needs, birth through age eight, and their families. Founded in 1973, the Division is dedicated to promoting policies and practices that support families and enhance the optimal development of children. DEC is an international community of 5,000 professionals and family members - in 50 U.S. states, 9 Canadian provinces, and 22 other countries - all working together to support the development of young children with special needs and to create a system of support for all young children and their families. DEC established the Jenny Lange Scholarship Fund through UW-Whitewater and is a co-sponsor of the annual WI Early Childhood Education and Care Conference and the biennial JoLyn Beeman Memorial Lecture Series. Membership in WDEC provides reduced fees at these conferences; a state newsletter; and monthly publications, including the *Young Exceptional Children* journal.

Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA)

744 Williamson Street, Suite 200

Madison, WI 53703

Phone: 608-240-9880 or 1-800-783-9322

Fax: 608-240-9890

World Wide Web: www.wecanaeyc.org or www.wisconsinearlychildhood.org

WECA is a statewide, nonprofit organization serving as a professional association whose members care for and educate Wisconsin's children, ages birth to eight. WECA is an affiliate of the National Association for the Education for Young Children (NAEYC). WECA provides up-to-date information on best practices to its members, offers training and professional development, sponsors a Child Care and Adult Food Program (CACFP), and advocates for the early childhood profession. WECA also

administers the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® WISCONSIN Scholarship Program and R.E.W.A.R.D.™ WISCONSIN Stipend Program, which work together to achieve the goals of enhancing educational qualifications, improving compensation, and reducing turnover among early childhood professionals. In addition to co-sponsoring a statewide conference annually, WECA provides workshops and presentations on a variety of early care and education topics. The WECA web pages identify training and workshop opportunities that are offered.

Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners

Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
Fax: 608-266-2529
World Wide Web: <http://www.collaboratingpartners.com>

“Working to transform early childhood care and education,” WECCP represents many public and private agencies, associations, and individuals that care about our state’s young children and their families. The Collaborating Partners have come together to promote the blending of our state’s current separate early childhood education and care systems. Their goal is to develop a quality, comprehensive early childhood system which shares responsibility among families, providers, the public sector, and the private sector. Links to the following activities and resources can be found: Early Childhood Special Education, Professional Development, Early Childhood Economic Development, 4-Year-Old Kindergarten and Community Collaborations.

<http://dpi.wi.gov/ec/eclistsv.html> . The WECCP listserv is designed to facilitate interactive, electronic communication between agencies, associations, and individuals providing services to Wisconsin’s young children (birth to age 8) and their families. The focus of this listserv is on state, community and interagency efforts to improve service delivery approaches for young children and their families. WECCP information on community approaches to serving children is available at: <http://www.collaboratingpartners.com/community4.htm>

WI FACETS

2714 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53212
Phone: 877-374-4677 or 414-374-4645
World Wide Web: <http://www.wifacets.org/about.htm>

Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training & Support, Inc. (WI FACETS) is a nonprofit organization serving Wisconsin children and adults with disabilities, their families and those who support them. Services provided include: public awareness, parent education, specialized workshops, parent support, parent leadership, and promotion of partnership activities between parents and professionals.

Wisconsin Family Child Care Association (WFCCA)

President Celeste Swoboda
914 Therbrook Street
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
Phone: 715-726-0185
World Wide Web: <http://www.wisconsinfamilychildcare.org/default.asp>

The Wisconsin Family Child Care Association, WFCCA, is a statewide organization of family child care providers and their supporters formed to provide support, involvement, and communication with others in the profession.

The goal of the Association is to help maintain the high quality of care that promotes the physical, intellectual, emotional, and social development of children by:

- Promoting the awareness of family child care as a viable choice in child care.
- Promoting awareness of the professionalism of family child care.
- Providing an opportunity for input into laws concerning children
- Providing a statewide information/assistance network.
- Providing an opportunity for involvement, support, and communication with others.

Wisconsin Head Start Association (WHSA)

122 East Olin Avenue, Suite 110

Madison, WI 53703

Phone: 608/442-7308

Fax: 608/442-7672

World Wide Web: <http://www.whsaonline.org/>

The Wisconsin Head Start Association (WHSA) is a private not for profit membership organization representing more than 16,000 children, upwards of 3,000 staff and 54 Head Start programs in Wisconsin. WHSA is an association of leaders dedicated to assuring the availability of comprehensive, top quality services for children and families in our state. This is accomplished through advocacy, the delivery of professional development services, and the creation of unique resources for people and organizations committed to families.

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA)

201 West Washington Avenue, Suite 700

Madison, WI 53703

Phone: 608-266-7884 or 1-800-334-6873

Fax: 608-267-1099

140 S. 1st Street, Suite 200

Milwaukee, WI 53204

Phone: 414-227-4039 or 1-800-628-4833

Fax: 414-227-4704

World Wide Web: www.wheda.com

WHEDA operates two programs that benefit child care providers who are looking for additional funding: The Linked Deposit Loan (LIDL) Subsidy which assists women and/or minority-owned and controlled businesses in the start-up or expansion of their business by reducing the interest rate on their bank loans http://www.wheda.com/cat_sb/ldl_product.asp; and Small Business Guarantee which can assist in the expansion or acquisition of a small business, or assist in the start-up of a child care business which may be owned by an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a non-profit organization, or a cooperative. http://www.wheda.com/cat_sb/g_product.asp For additional information about eligibility requirements, eligible uses of loan proceeds, terms and conditions, and the application process and fees, contact WHEDA.

Wisconsin Immunization Program

Phone: 608-267-9959

World Wide Web: <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/>

The Wisconsin Division of Public Health Immunization Program, in partnership and collaboration with local partners, strives to eliminate the transmission of vaccine preventable disease through effective immunization programs and outbreak control measures. Utilizing best practice strategies and evidence-based programming, the steps to achieve this mission include: Improving the effectiveness of immunization delivery systems, Increasing immunization access for all, Identifying and eliminating racial, ethnic and other disparities, and Protecting the community through high immunization rates. This web page contains vaccine information as well as many links to other pages and sites, including the National Immunization Program (NIP) and the Immunization Action Coalition (IAC).

Wisconsin Immunization Registry

Phone: 608-261-9691

Email: wirhelp@dhfs.state.wi.us

World Wide Web: <https://www.dhfwir.org/PR/portalInfoManager.do>

The Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) is a computerized Internet database application that was developed to record and track immunization dates of Wisconsin's children and adults, providing assistance for keeping everyone on track for their recommended immunizations. Statewide release occurred in May 2000. All demographic information for births occurring in Wisconsin were back loaded to January 1995 and continues to be downloaded on a weekly basis.

Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS)

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Bureau of Early Childhood Education

201 E. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 7935

Madison, WI 53707-7935

Phone: 608-266-7001

Fax: 608-266-8302

World Wide Web: <http://www.collaboratingpartners.com/EarlyLS.htm>

The WMELS are derived from research in all the domains of the child's early learning and development and apply to all settings in which children receive care and education. They were developed by the WMELS Steering Committee, composed of representatives from the state departments of Public Instruction, Health Services, and Children and Families; the Head Start State Collaboration Office; and Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners. The WMELS are a listing of developmental expectations for children birth to first grade supported by practice-based evidence and scientific research. The WMELS provide a shared framework for understanding and communicating expectations for young children's development. The WMELS are a guide for parents, early care and education professionals, and policymakers, all of whom share responsibility for the well being of young children. A copy of the WMELS can be downloaded at the link listed above. The Frequently Asked Questions list commonly asked questions regarding the development and intended use of the standards.

Training on Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards is taking place throughout Wisconsin for educators, child care providers and families who want to continue to improve the quality of early education and care for children birth to first grade.

Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program and Quality Improvement Initiatives

See: Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, Bureau of Early Childhood Education

Wisconsin Technical College System

Early Childhood Education – Two Year Associate Degree Program

World Wide Web: http://www.witechcolleges.org/career_prog_search_details.php?program=10-307-1

Working with and understanding preschool children is the goal of the Child Care and Development program. Students learn to plan and guide children's activities such as dramatic play, art, music, language arts, project activities, and field trips. Emphasis is also placed on children's physical and intellectual growth, getting along with others, and positive behavior techniques. Child care settings are varied, with many new programs developing constantly. Child care needs have far surpassed the number of graduates available and trends are indicating a steady growth in this field. Jobs are many and varied, and may include preschool teachers and directors, special education teacher aides, assistant teachers and nannies.

Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC)

2745 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

Milwaukee, WI 53212

Phone: 414-263-5450

Fax: 414-263-5456

2300 S. Park Street

Madison, WI 53713

Phone: 608-257-5450

Fax: 608-257-5454

World Wide Web: <http://www.wwbic.com/index.htm>

The WWBIC is an economic development corporation providing quality business education and access to capital for entrepreneurs. WWBIC consults, educates and mentors owners of small and micro businesses throughout Wisconsin. WWBIC can provide a free business assessment and individuals can gain a thorough understanding of financing options available for business start-up or expansion. WWBIC can also help individuals start out by developing a business plan outline. WWBIC provides training, marketing tips and a business resource directory. The WWBIC webpage also includes tools and resources on the following: Business plan outline, Marketing tips, Business resource directory, and Child care business planning software.

NATIONAL RESOURCES

Allergy and Asthma Network – Mothers of Asthmatics

2751 Prosperity Ave., Suite 150

Fairfax, VA 22031

Phone: 800-878-4403

Fax: 703-573-7794

World Wide Web: <http://www.aanma.org/>

Founded in 1985, AANMA is a national nonprofit network of families whose desire is to overcome, not cope with, allergies and asthma. The shortest route to that goal is knowledge - that's why AANMA produces the most accurate, timely, practical, and livable alternatives to suffering.

American Academy of Pediatrics

141 Northwest Point Boulevard

Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1098

Phone: 847-434-4000

World Wide Web: <http://www.aap.org/>

Committed to the attainment of optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children and adolescents, this website provides information on health related topics from the newsroom on research, professional education, quality improvement and public policy.

American Lung Association

Phone: 1-800-LUNGUSA (5864872)

World Wide Web: <http://www.lungusa.org/>

The mission of the American Lung Association® is to prevent lung disease and promote lung health. The American Lung Association® has many programs and strategies for fighting lung disease. Among these are: Open Airways For Schools is the American Lung Association's elementary-school education program for children with asthma. Open Airways teaches children with asthma to understand and manage their illness so they can lead more normal lives. Tobacco control. The American Lung Association® offers a variety of smoking control and prevention programs targeted to specific groups- some aimed at adults, others intended for school use, and still others designed to build bridges between the home and school and involve community leaders along with parents and educators. Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU), is an important part of the American Lung Association® drive to eliminate tobacco use among youth.

Centers for Disease Control and Protection

1600 Clifton Road, N.E.

Atlanta, GA 30333 USA

Phone: 800-232-4636

World Wide Web: <http://www.cdc.gov/>

CDC collaborates to create the expertise, information, and tools that people and communities need to protect their health – through health promotion, prevention of disease, injury and disability, and preparedness for new health threats. CDC Core Values: Accountability, Respect and Integrity.

Center for the Child Care Workforce (CCW/AFTEF)

Email: ccw@aft.org

World Wide Web: http://www.ccw.org/about_active.html

The mission of CCW is to improve the quality of early care and education for all children by promoting policy, research and organizing that ensures the early care and education workforce is well-educated, receives better compensation and has a voice in their workplace. In 2002 CCW affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers Educational Fund. AFT has launched a new effort to help organize and mobilize the child care workforce called First Class Teachers and it has its own web site:

www.firstclassteachers.org

Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

1015 15th St. NW, Suite 400

Washington, D.C. 20005

Telephone: 202-906-8000

Fax: 202-842-2885

World Wide Web: <http://www.clasp.org>

CLASP is a national nonprofit organization that conducts research, policy analysis, technical assistance and advocacy on issues related to economic security for low income families with children.

Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning

Vanderbilt University, Department of Special Education

Box 328 GPC, Vanderbilt University

Nashville, TN 37203

Phone: 615.322.8150 or 866.433.1966

World Wide Web: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel>

The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning is a national center focused on strengthening the capacity of child care and Head Start programs to improve the social and emotional outcomes of young children. The center will develop and disseminate evidence-based, user-friendly information to help early childhood educators meet the needs of the growing number of children with challenging behaviors and mental health challenges in child care and Head Start programs. The Center has also developed What Works Briefs that provide summaries of effective practices for supporting children's social-emotional development and preventing challenging behaviors. The Briefs describe practical strategies, provide references to more information about the practice, and include a one-page handout that highlights the major points of the Brief. This information is summarized at:

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/wwb.html>.

Child Care Law Center

Phone: 1-415-394-7144

Email: info@childcarelaw.org

World Wide Web: <http://www.childcarelaw.org/about.shtml>

The Child Care Law Center (CCLC) is a national nonprofit legal services organization that uses legal tools to make high quality, affordable child care available to every child, every family, and every community. This is the only organization in the country devoted exclusively to the complex legal issues that affect child care. The work of CCLC encompasses public benefits, civil rights, housing, economic development, regulation and licensing, and land use.

Council for Professional Recognition

2460 16th St, NW
Washington DC 20009-3575
Telephone: 800-424-4310 202-265-9099
World Wide Web: www.cdacouncil.org

The Council's mission is to emphasize the importance and increase the recognition of professionals who care for children from birth through five years of age in child care center, family child care homes, and as home visitors. The following programs, operated by the Council, recognize competence in these professionals: the CDA Credentialing Program, Head Start Fellowships, U.S. Military School Age Credential, and Reggio Children USA.

Economic Policy Institute

1660 L. Street, NW Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20036
Telephone: 202-775-8810
Fax: 202-775-0819

The Economic Policy Institute is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan research institute that researches the impact of economic trends and policies on working people in the United States and around the world. Most recently they co-authored with The Keystone Research Center, "Losing Ground in Early Childhood Education" a study which documents the decline in educational qualifications among early childhood education teachers. They report that less than one-third now have college degrees and that low pay and benefits lie behind the decline. To view this study, go to www.epi.org.

Healthy Kids, Healthy Care

World Wide Web: <http://www.healthykids.us/>

This website has been developed by the National Resource Center for Health and Child Care and Early Education. This website is for parents of children who attend child care programs. Included on the website is a Parent's Guide to Choosing Safe and Healthy Child Care, and also includes a Health and Safety Checklist. Materials are also available in Spanish.

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

1313 L Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20005
Phone: 800-424-2460.
World Wide Web www.naeyc.org

The nation's largest professional association for early childhood educators, NAEYC works to raise the quality of programs for all children from birth through age eight. A major part of NAEYC's efforts to

improve early childhood education is through NAEYC accreditation, which defines national standards of program quality. NAEYC also offers its members the opportunity to sign up for the free monthly e-mail newsletter and offers an Action Center for advocates. Members of WECA are members of NAEYC.

National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)

1743 W. Alexander Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84119
Toll-free 1-800-359-3817
Fax: 801-886-2325
World Wide Web www.nafcc.org

The mission of NAFCC is to support the profession of family child care and to encourage high-quality care for children. NAFCC has promoted high-quality family child care through accreditation, leadership training, technical assistance, public education, and policy initiatives. NAFCC holds an annual national conference and publishes a quarterly newsletter

National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC)

10530 Rosehaven St., Suite 400
Fairfax VA 22030
Phone: 1-800-616-2242
Fax: 1-800-716-2242
TTY: 1-800-516-2242
Email: info@nccic.org
World Wide Web: <http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov>

The National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center (NCCIC), a service of the [Child Care Bureau](#), is a national clearinghouse and technical assistance (TA) center that provides comprehensive child care information resources and TA services to Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Administrators and other key stakeholders. This site provides links to national child care organizations and clearinghouses.

National Head Start Association (NHSA)

1651 Prince St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
Telephone: 703-739-0875
Fax: 703-739-0878
World Wide Web: www.nhsa.org

The National Head Start Association is a private not-for profit membership organization dedicated exclusively to meeting the needs of Head Start children and their families. It represents more than 1 million children, 200,000 staff and 2,700 Head Start programs in the United States. The Association provides support for the entire Head Start community by advocating for policies that strengthen services to Head Start children and their families; by providing extensive training and professional development to Head Start staff; and by developing and disseminating research, information and resources that enrich Head Start program delivery.

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

World Wide Web: <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/sids/>

The *Back to Sleep campaign* is suitably named for its recommendation to place healthy babies on their backs to sleep. Placing babies on their backs to sleep reduces the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), also known as "crib death." This campaign has been successful in promoting infant back sleeping to parents, family members, child care providers, health professionals, and all other caregivers of infants.

National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)

120 Albany Street, Suite 500

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Phone: 732-932-4350

Fax: 732-932-4360

World Wide Web www.nieer.org

The National Institute for Early Education Research supports early childhood education initiatives by providing objective, nonpartisan information based on research. NIEER is one component of a larger early education initiative designed, funded and managed by The Pew Charitable Trusts. *Preschool Matters* is a publication of NIEER.

National Network for Child Care (NNCC)

Iowa State University Extension

Ames, IA 50011

Email: nncc@iastate.edu

World Wide Web: <http://www.nncc.org>

This web site sponsored by the Cooperative Extension System is an excellent source of practical information about children and child care.

National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care

Phone: 1-800-598-KIDS (5437)

Email: info@nrckids.org

World Wide Web: <http://nrc.uchsc.edu/>

The NRC's primary mission is to promote health and safety in out-of-home child care settings throughout the nation. The standard resource for information concerning this subject is the [*Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards Guidelines for Out-of-Home Child Care Programs, Second Edition*](#) published in January 2002. The entire text of this publication is available on this website. Each state manages licensure of child care settings in different ways. The [licensure regulations](#) from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands are also available on this Website

National SIDS Resource Center

Georgetown University

Box 571272

Washington, DC 20057-1272

Phone: (866) 866-7437
E-mail: info@sidscenter.org
World Wide Web: <http://www.sidscenter.org/>

The National Sudden and Unexpected Infant/Child Death Resource Center (Resource Center) serves as a central source of information on sudden infant death and on promoting healthy outcomes for infants from the prenatal period through the first year of life and beyond. The Resource Center serves as a central information resource to collect and disseminate state-of-the-art knowledge on research, programs, and services to diverse audiences.

National Women’s Law Center (NWLC)

11 Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20036
Telephone: 202-588-5180
Fax: 202-588-5185
World Wide Web: www.nwlc.org

Recently released “In Their Own Voices: Parents and Providers Struggling with Child Care Cuts”. This powerful report is based on 200 in-depth interviews. Check it out; it’s available on their web site. You can also sign up for their e-update on the web.

Pre-K Now

Libby Doggett, Ph.D. Executive Director
1025 F Street, NW, Suite 900
Washington, D.C. 20004
Phone: 202-862-9871
Fax: 202-862-9870
World Wide Web: www.preknow.org

Pre-K Now has a vision that every child in our nation enters kindergarten prepared to succeed. Pre-K Now is an advocacy and public education organization supported by The Pew Charitable Trusts and other funders. Pre-K Now collaborates with state advocates and policymakers to lead a movement for high quality, voluntary pre-kindergarten for all three and four year olds.

US Consumer and Product Safety Commission

Phone: 800-638-2772
World Wide Web: <http://www.cpsc.gov/index.html>

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

US Department of Agriculture - Child and Adult Care Food Program

Food & Nutrition Service

3101 Park Center Drive

Alexandria, VA 22302

World Wide Web: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/care/>

Through the Child and Adult Care Food Program, children in child care settings have access to healthy meals and snacks. Day care centers and home day care providers can participate in the programs.

Fact sheets on the food and nutrition service programs are available at:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/cga/FactSheets/CACFP_Quick_Facts.htm.

Zero to Three

National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families

2000 M Street, NW, Suite 200

Washington, DC 20036

Phone: 202-638-1144

World Wide Web: <http://www.zerotothree.org>

Zero to Three's mission is to support the healthy development and well-being of infants, toddlers and their families. Zero to Three is a nonprofit, multidisciplinary organization that advances the mission to inform, educate and support adults who influence the lives of infants and toddlers. Zero to Three Fact Sheet: http://www.zerotothree.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ter_abt_factsheet.

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