



**YoungStar is ready for you.
Are you ready for YoungStar?**

Did you know that...

- All child care programs that serve children birth through age five, with Wisconsin Shares subsidies must participate in YoungStar, complete a YoungStar Participation Request form, sign a Wisconsin Shares Contract, and receive a YoungStar rating in order to continue to be eligible to receive Wisconsin Shares.
- You must apply by June 1, 2011 in order to continue to receive Wisconsin Shares reimbursement without interruption.
- You decide how far you go with the “star” system.

Here’s how it works: After complete application materials are received, **if** you are in compliance you receive at least 2-stars automatically and nothing will change for your program. But if you want to take the next steps towards higher quality, you could receive a higher rating.

- Programs that receive 3 stars or higher could receive increases in Shares payments as early as July, 2011. Don't miss out on this chance to increase your revenue!
- Parents are now able to view program ratings online- make sure your program is visible for parents searching for care!

YoungStar participation also gives you...

- FREE, individualized technical assistance to help improve the quality of your program if requested
- Opportunity for you to apply for quality improvement grants
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How to Apply

Providers can access Participation Request application forms online at the following location:

- For Group Providers: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/forms/pdf/2591.pdf>
- For Family Providers: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/forms/pdf/2590.pdf>

In addition, providers must complete a YoungStar Wisconsin Shares Participation Contract. This can be found online at: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/forms/pdf/2587.pdf>.

If you do not have internet access, you can call 1-888-713-KIDS for applications and regional contact information. Providers must return both the Participation Request Application Form and the YoungStar Wisconsin Shares Participation Contract to their YoungStar Regional Office. These offices are identified online at: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/map/default.htm>

A Provider Tip Sheet has been developed to help providers prepare for a YoungStar rating: http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/pdf/provider_tip_sheet.pdf.

You can find additional information regarding YoungStar at, <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/default.htm>