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Child Care Funding Directory

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

608-267-9129

<http://dpi.wi.gov/community-nutrition/cacfp>

CACFP promotes healthy and nutritious meals for children in child care by reimbursing participating child care operators for their meal costs. The Program operates in regulated child care centers, outside-school-hours care centers, and family child care homes.

Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs)

<https://supportingfamilies.together.org/child-care-resource-referral-agencies>

Your CCR&R can tell you if any local funding options are available.

REWARD Wisconsin Stipend Program

1-800-783-9322 or in the Madison area 608-240-9880

<http://www.wisconsinearlychildhood.org/programs/reward>

The REWARD 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 hopes to encourage increased education and retention through increased compensation.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® WISCONSIN Scholarship Program

1-800-783-9322 or in the Madison area 608-240-9880

<https://wisconsinearlychildhood.org/programs/t-e-a-c-h>

This Scholarship Program sets up a partnership between the recipient, the sponsoring program, and T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® WISCONSIN. It provides financial and other support to complete a series of credit-based courses in one of four scholarship models: Registry Credential, 3 to 8 credits, Associate's Degree, or Bachelor's Degree. Upon completing the required courses, the recipient receives higher compensation or a bonus.

YoungStar MicroGrant Program

1-888-713-KIDS (5437)

<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/youngstar/pdf/microgrants.pdf>

Local Offices: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/youngstar/pdf/regional-contact-printable-map.pdf>

By participating in YoungStar, child care programs embrace the opportunity to invest in their own quality improvement. The YoungStar MicroGrant Program is funded by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families and administered by SFTA. The program exists to help child care programs make quality improvements that might otherwise be a financial strain.

Loans, Loan Guarantees, Loan Subsidies, and/or Business Training

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

1-800-940-SBDC (7232)

<http://www.wisconsinbdc.org>

SBDC's website links to the SBA Online Learning Center with a variety of free, online, self-paced courses to help you start and run your business. SBDC also offers an 8- to 10-week Entrepreneurial Training Program at UW campuses statewide, with grants to help with costs. SBDC's Business AnswerLine gives free over-the-phone answers to business start-up and management questions. One-to-one assistance is available at SBDC Centers around the state, and the SBDC website links to many other resources.

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA)

Toll-free: 1-800-334-6873

Madison: 608-266-7884

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

E-mail: info@wheda.com

<http://www.wheda.com/Business-Lending>

WHEDA's small business financing products include a WHEDA Small Business Loan Guarantee. A guarantee is a pledge of support on a bank loan. If you meet their criteria, WHEDA will guarantee a portion of a loan made to you by your local lender.

Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC)

Milwaukee: 414-263-5450

Madison: 608-257-5450

<http://www.wwbic.com>

WWBIC provides hands-on assistance to business owners (women and men) through classes, one-on-one assistance, and financing options. WWBIC has a special program that strives to increase business knowledge, profitability, sustainability, and efficiency for child care providers.

Reimbursement for Direct Services to Families

Crisis Respite Child Care Funds

Contact: County or Tribal Social or Human Service Department

Regulated family or group child care providers who agree to serve children from families under stress or children with handicapping conditions are paid the direct costs of providing child care during a crisis or for a respite when families are under stress.

Wisconsin Shares

<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares>

Local Child Care Agency Contact: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares/contact>

The Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy supports low-income working families by subsidizing a portion of the cost of quality child care while the parents or caregivers are working or participating in another approved activity. A family's child care subsidy is loaded onto an EBT card that they use to pay their provider. Wisconsin Shares is implemented locally by counties and tribes.

More information about funding is available on these websites:

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation <https://wedc.org/business-development/growing-business>

Candid (formerly the Foundation Center) <https://candid.org>

Marquette University Funding Information Center <https://www.marquette.edu/library/services/fic.php>

Special Offers and Rebates from ENERGY STAR Partners <https://www.energystar.gov/rebate-finder>

Wisconsin's Focus on Energy <https://focusonenergy.com/business>

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