



Child Care Information Center

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Child Care Funding Directory

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

608-267-9129

<https://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)

1-888-713-KIDS

<https://supportingfamiliesogether.org/parents/child-care>

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

Department of Children and Families

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/email-signup>

Sign up for child care emails to learn of new opportunities.

REWARD Wisconsin Stipend Program

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

<https://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.

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

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

1-800-940-SBDC (7232)

<https://wisconsinsbdc.org>

The Wisconsin SBDC is a statewide network supporting entrepreneurs and business owners through no-cost, confidential consulting and business education to assist with startup planning, financing, sales/marketing, new products/services/markets, financial management and operations. SBDC's regional expertise is accessible to

anyone anywhere across 13 locations. Its website links to the SBA's Digital Learning Platform with a variety of free, online, self-paced courses.

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA)

Madison: 608-266-7884 or 1-800-334-6873
Milwaukee: 414-227-4039 or 1-800-628-4833
Email: info@wheda.com
<https://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
<https://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.

First Children's Finance

1-888-562-6801
<https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org>

First Children's Finance is a national nonprofit organization that provides loans and business development assistance to child care businesses serving low- and moderate-income families.

Payment 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

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares>
Milwaukee County: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/meca/providers>
Local Child Care Agency Contact: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/pdf/providercontacts.pdf>

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>