

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUNGSTAR and WISCONSIN SHARES

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Any program that wants to receive subsidy payments from a family participating in the Wisconsin Shares subsidy program **must participate in YoungStar**. This requirement applies to the following types of programs: provisionally and regularly certified family providers; licensed family, group and day camp programs; and license-exempt public-school programs.

This requirement can only be met with the submittal of a [YoungStar Contract](#). Once the [YoungStar Contract](#) is received, and the program is in full regulatory status, families participating in Wisconsin Shares can receive an authorization to receive subsidy payments for that program. A [YoungStar Contract](#) is valid for two years and must be renewed on a bi-annual basis. DCF mails out renewals a minimum of 120 days prior to the due date of the renewal contract.

Programs that earn a 4 or 5 Star YoungStar rating are eligible for YoungStar quality adjustment payments to support high-quality programming in the following way:

5 Star = Quality adjustment of up to 30% of Wisconsin Shares subsidy amounts
4 Star = Quality adjustment of up to 15% of Wisconsin Shares subsidy amounts

A program's YoungStar rating also impacts Wisconsin Shares subsidy amounts in the following ways:

3, 4, or 5 Star = No impact on subsidy amounts
2 Star = Wisconsin Shares subsidy amounts decreased by up to 1%
1 Star = Program is not eligible for Wisconsin Shares payments

Please submit your [YoungStar Contract](#) to your [local YoungStar office](#) as quickly as possible. You do NOT need to have finalized the certification or licensing process before you send in a [YoungStar Contract](#). Once you have a provider number, it is your responsibility to contact your local YoungStar office with this information, and they will enter your [YoungStar Contract](#) into the YoungStar system back to the date it was originally received.

If your [YoungStar Contract](#) is received after you are certified or licensed, families will be able to receive a Wisconsin Shares authorization to your program **on or after** the day the contract is received by the local YoungStar office. Families **will not** receive Wisconsin Shares subsidy payments back to the date you were certified or licensed if a [YoungStar Contract](#) has not been received prior to that date.

Ready to submit? Questions? Contact your [local YoungStar office](#).

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