



Many Collaborative Approach 4K programs are interested in participating in YoungStar. YoungStar is a program of the Department of Children and Families created to improve the quality of child care. By participating in YoungStar, Collaborative Approach 4K programs would receive support they needed to improve the overall quality of the child care they provide, increase opportunities for professional development for child care providers, and ensure that parents know about the quality of the child care program.

How do you determine if your Collaborative Approach to 4K program is eligible for YoungStar participation and which Lead Teachers should be listed on The Registry Program Profile? If your 4K program is solely school-based it is not currently eligible for YoungStar participation. The following questions will help you determine if your program is eligible for participation in YoungStar:

**Question #1: Does *the child care classroom* operate for one (1) or more hours outside of 4K hours?**

**No** – the 4K program is NOT eligible for a YoungStar rating. The classroom needs to provide one (1) or more hours of child care service delivery that is not school district-funded in order to be counted for YoungStar purposes. Stand-alone 4K programs in public school buildings with no wrap-around child care are not eligible to participate in YoungStar.

*For example, within a child care program setting, the 4K program is in Classroom A between 8:00 and 11:30 am, and the children leave Classroom A to either go home or go to child care in Classroom B for the remainder of the day: Classroom A would NOT be reviewed for YoungStar but Classroom B could be.*

**Yes** – the child care portion of the program is eligible for participation in YoungStar.

*For example, the 4K program is operated between 8:00 and 11:30 am; however 4 year old child care service delivery is in the same classroom between 7:00 am and 8:00 am and 11:30 am and 5:00 pm.*

*For example, the 4K program is integrated into the child care programming throughout the full day.*

**Question #2: Is Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy funding used to fund at least some of the hours of child care outside of the school district-funded 4K time?**

**No** – you may volunteer to participate in YoungStar.

**Yes** – you are required to participate in YoungStar.

**Question #3: If the classroom is eligible for participation in YoungStar, does the 4K Teacher remain in the classroom during the eligible child care hours?**

**No**, when the 4K portion of the day is over the 4K Teacher leaves and a different Lead Teacher provides child care for the remaining hours. The child care Lead Teacher should be listed on The Registry Program Profile. YoungStar is looking at the education qualifications of the Lead Teacher who is in the classroom during the non-4K hours.

**Yes**, the 4K Teacher is responsible for both the 4K curriculum and the child care. The 4K Teacher should be listed on The Registry Program Profile. YoungStar is looking at the education qualifications of the Lead Teacher who is in the classroom during the non-4K hours.