

Give  
your child  
a great start.



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Wisconsin's Child Care Quality Rating & Improvement System

# Before you choose, YoungStar.

The care your child gets at home and away from home can make a big difference in your little one's life. Making healthy child care choices can set the stage for lifelong success. That includes finding a safe and secure place for your child to learn and develop social skills. It's not easy. But YoungStar is here to help.

YoungStar is packed with helpful resources for parents, whether you're choosing playtime activities to help your child grow or a child care provider that's right for you.



## Look for the stars.

**YoungStar child care ratings give parents an easy way to weigh their options.** We evaluate thousands of Wisconsin child care providers, in every corner of the state. Child care programs, preschools, day camps and after-school programs. Each one receives a quality rating—up to five stars for the highest quality of care—based on the points they earn across four key categories:

The Provider's Education & Training

The Learning Environment & Curriculum

The Program's Professional & Business Practices

The Children's Health & Well-being

## Let YoungStar do the work for you.

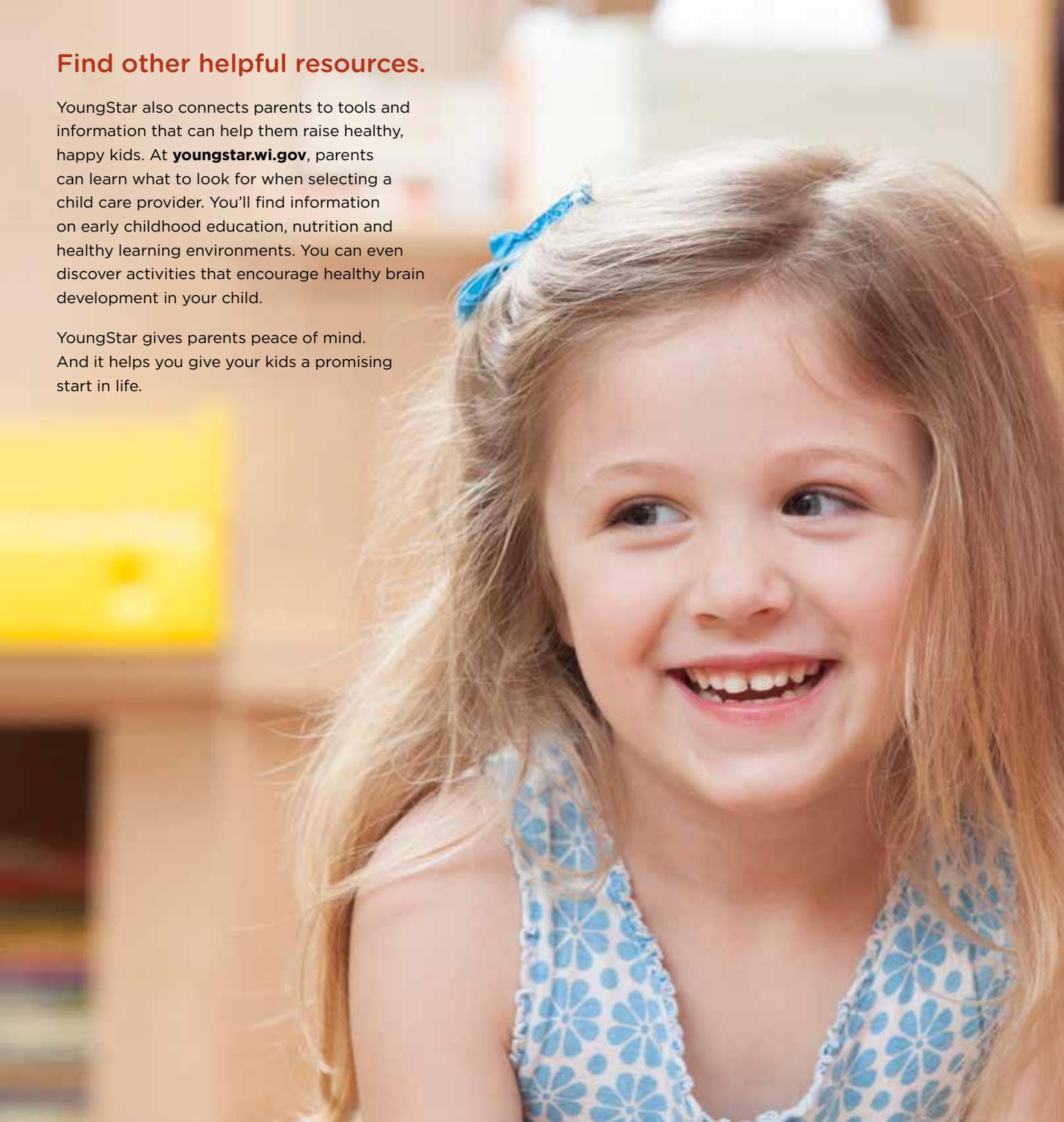
At [youngstar.wi.gov](http://youngstar.wi.gov), parents can “look for the stars” to compare child care providers in their area. You can also find in-depth information on each program. This includes their hours, location and accreditation, their evaluation history, and any violations they've received.

You can even get one-on-one help from a local child care resource and referral specialist. Just call 1-888-713-KIDS (5437) for a list of providers who meet your unique child care needs. Or find the Child Care Resource & Referral agency near you at [supportingfamieliestogether.org](http://supportingfamieliestogether.org).

## Find other helpful resources.

YoungStar also connects parents to tools and information that can help them raise healthy, happy kids. At [youngstar.wi.gov](http://youngstar.wi.gov), parents can learn what to look for when selecting a child care provider. You'll find information on early childhood education, nutrition and healthy learning environments. You can even discover activities that encourage healthy brain development in your child.

YoungStar gives parents peace of mind. And it helps you give your kids a promising start in life.



## Get clear child care ratings.



5 Star Program

Meets highest levels of quality standards.



4 Star Program

Meets elevated levels of quality standards.



3 Star Program

Meets proficient levels of quality standards.



2 Star Program

Meets health and safety standards.



1 Star Program

Program does not meet health and safety standards.

**Who can earn a YoungStar rating?** All Wisconsin child care providers who serve children from birth through their school years can participate in YoungStar, as long as they're in good standing with state regulations. In fact, providers that receive a Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy *must* participate. When they do, they gain access to training opportunities, technical assistance, even micro-grants to fund books and learning materials. In that way, YoungStar doesn't just rate the quality of Wisconsin's child care. It improves it.

YoungStar's parenting resources and child care ratings can help you **raise happy, healthy kids and find a safe place for them to grow.**





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## Using YoungStar is easy:

**Visit [youngstar.wi.gov](http://youngstar.wi.gov)** to compare child care providers and find helpful parenting advice.

**Look for the YoungStar rating** window sticker or certificate when you're interviewing providers.

**Call 1-888-713-KIDS (5437)** or visit **[supportingfamilies.together.org](http://supportingfamilies.together.org)** to get personalized help from a local child care resource and referral specialist.



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