

Increasing Star Levels/Earning Points Tip Sheet: Group Child Care

ITEMS IN RED ARE REQUIRED MINIMUMS TO ATTAIN A 3-STAR RATING

Education and Training Points	
How can I earn points?	Where can I get help?
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Lead Teachers with 6 related credits for 50% of all classrooms.	<p>1 & 2-a. Wisconsin Colleges and Universities in your area: wisconsinearlychildhood.org/teach/index.php?category_id=2618</p> <p>1 & 2-b. T.E.A.C.H scholarship counselor: -Phone: 1-800-783-9322, ext. 7240 -Email: teach@wisconsinearlychildhood.org, or -visit the website for more information: wisconsinearlychildhood.org/teach/index.php?category_id=2615</p> <p>1 & 2-c. WECA Professional Development Counselor: http://wisconsinearlychildhood.org/programs/PDcounseling/</p> <p>3 - Credit for prior learning: http://wisconsinearlychildhood.org/programs/teach/CPL/</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Center Director with Administrator Credential	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Credit for prior learning	
Learning Environment & Curriculum Points	
How can I earn points?	Where can I get help?
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Self-assessment (1pt.)	<p>1-a. YoungStar Self-Assessment Tool – Group Child Care: http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/youngstar/pdf/ys-self-assessment/ys-self-assessment-gcc.pdf</p> <p>1-b. Other Research-based Self-assessment tools available: http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/point-detail (p.6)</p> <p>2 - YoungStar Quality Improvement Plan (optional): http://www.dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/youngstar/pdf/ys-sample-qip-schoolage.pdf</p> <p>3 – Developmentally Appropriate Practices (optional): https://www.naeyc.org/positionstatements/dap</p> <p>4-a. PDAS-approved Technical Consulting Services: http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/program/localoffice</p> <p>4-b. Local Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&R): http://supportingfamiliesstogether.org/families/find-child-care/</p> <p>-a. Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards Training collaboratingpartners.com/wmels-documents.php AND/OR</p> <p>4-b. School-Age Curricular Framework Training WISCONSIN AFTERSCHOOL NETWORK http://www.wiafterschoolnetwork.org/</p> <p>5 - WMELS Implementation Plan for Child Learning (optional): http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/youngstar/pdf/wmelsalignmentprep.pdf</p> <p>6- Possible Child Portfolio Resources (available at CCIC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Focused Portfolios</i> • YoungStar School-age Enrollment Inventory <p>7 - For examples of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intentional Planning tools: (go to <i>Lesson Planning Tools</i> bullet) http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/resources • Individual child assessment tools: (pg. 17) http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/point-detail
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Quality Improvement Plan (1pt.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Developmentally Appropriate Practices (1pt)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Lead Teacher/Group Leader/Other Teacher Curriculum Training: **50% trained = 1pt. **100% trained = 2pts.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Curriculum Alignment with training. **100% alignment = 1pt.	
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Individual Child Portfolios (1pt.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Intentional Curriculum Planning using an individual child assessment tool. (1pt.)	

<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Training in Developmental Screening (1pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Tracked Individual Child Outcomes (1pt.)	8 - For resources on developmental screening, visit: http://www.collaboratingpartners.com/screening-early-identification-professionalresources.php 9 - For examples of child outcome tracking tools, visit: http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/point-detail (p.13)
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Business and Professional Practices Points

<i>How can I earn points?</i>	<i>Where can I get help?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Yearly budget planning & assessment of financial status, including completion & review of tax record (1pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Employment Policy (1pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Business Administration includes goal-setting and an action plan. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Verification of any 2 of these professional practices will earn 1pt. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Verification of any 2 of these practices regarding employee benefits will earn 1pt. <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Verification of 5 activities from two categories in Tier A or Tier B. 3 Star programs will earn 1 pt; Verification of 10 activities from Tier A or Tier B (five from Tier B) from 3 categories. 4 & 5 Star programs will earn 2 pts.	1 - Budget preparation, record-keeping strategies, and tax preparation resources, providers can contact CCIC at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/ccic ➢ 800-362-7353 ➢ ccic@dpi.wi.gov 2 – Policy development resources can be loaned from CCIC: http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/ccic 3 – Tools available at CCIC for goal-setting & action-plan development: **Model Work Standards **Blueprint for Action **A Great Place to Work 4 - Professional Development Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual staff evaluations include professional goal-setting: <i>WECA Sample Professional Development Plan:</i> http://wisconsinearlychildhood.org/programs/PDcounseling/ • Access to professional development funding. <i>Example:</i> http://wisconsinearlychildhood.org/programs/teach/ • Access to professional development materials on-site. • Director and/or Administrator have active membership in a professional ECE or School-age focused association. NAEYC, WECA, NACCP, NAMTA, WCCAA, WAA, NAA, or BCDI • 75% or higher staff retention rate. 5 - Employee Benefits Offered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Insurance with 25% Employer Contribution • Retirement and/or Pension plan with Employer Contribution • Paid time off: 18 days minimum/year for all full-time staff • All-staff monthly meetings <i>and</i> 2 hours paid planning time/week 6 – Family Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitions. • Family Involvement (engagement). • Family communication strategies. • Family support strategies. • Family/community connection strategies.

Health and Wellness Points

<i>How can I earn points?</i>	<i>Where can I get help?</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Program supports healthy nutrition and/or physical activity policies and practices. The program has written policies and procedures addressing allergies and dietary restrictions (1pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Daily programming	1-a. Program uses a self-assessment tool and continuous quality improvement Tool. Links to tools can be found in evaluation criteria. Health and Well-being D.1.1 1-b. Written policies and procedures addressing allergies and/or dietary restrictions. 2- Ideas for promoting physical activity can be found at:

incorporating physical activity for all ages (1pt.)

3. Lead Teacher/Group Leader/Other Teacher Inclusion or social emotional training
**50% + Director = 1pt.
**100% + Director = 2pts.

4. Lead Teacher/Group Leader/Other Teacher Strengthening Families/Darkness to Light Trainings (1pt.)

- **Active Early** - http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/community-nutrition/pdf/active_early.pdf
- **Let's Move Child Care** - healthykidshealthyfuture.org/welcome.html

3- The Registry T-NET Training Network - the-registry.org/myregistry/default.aspx details currently available trainings in Inclusion or Social Emotional support. Educators can choose from *any of the 6 options* detailed on **p.45** of the **YoungStar Evaluation Criteria for Group Child Care:** <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/point-detail>

4- The Registry T-NET Training Network - the-registry.org/myregistry/default.aspx provides information on the Strengthening Families Initiative, Family Services Credential and other *Registry-approved* equivalent trainings that demonstrate knowledge of protective factors.

****[Darkness to Light \(Stewards of Children\) Training](#)**