

Funds available to support program quality improvement

A MicroGrant will be available to programs that are participating in the YoungStar program and who have requested and are receiving technical assistance. A program will be assigned a Technical Consultant who will assist the program in a quality improvement process, including developing or approving a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP). The Technical Consultant will approve a MicroGrant when the QIP is in place, and a purchase plan will be designed in collaboration. Purchases can include materials, resources, and professional development opportunities that directly relate to the program's QIP. The purchase plans will be submitted to the MicroGrant Program staff, who will coordinate purchases on behalf of the program.

YoungStar MicroGrants are available in the following amounts:

Licensed Group Child Care Programs \$1,000

Licensed Family Child Care Programs \$500

Certified Family Child Care Programs \$250

MicroGrants can be applied to:

- *Continuing education for staff*
- *Credit based education for staff – costs to support staff in pursuing credit based education, either directly or through a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Wisconsin Scholarship*
- *Staff or substitute time to support quality improvement work*
- *Child equipment and materials (books, toys, classroom furniture, etc)*
- *Adult equipment and materials (books, computer hardware/software, etc)*
- *Curriculum materials*
- *Accreditation materials or fees*
- *Services (additional technical consultation, contractors/builders for upgrades to physical environment, etc)*
- *Other - work with your Technical Consultant to determine how MicroGrant funds can best support your program's Quality Improvement Plan*

For more information, speak with your YoungStar Technical Consultant or contact your YoungStar Regional entity.