

# Narrative of Monthly Report March 2024

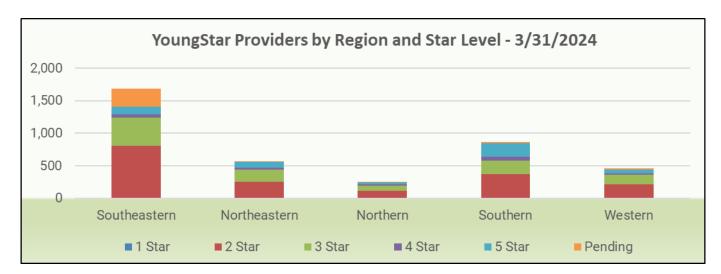
YoungStar has transitioned to a new service provider in 2023. There are now five YoungStar Regions instead of six. The Milwaukee and Kenosha/Racine Regions have been merged into the Southeastern Region. Waukesha County is now part of the Southeastern Region. These changes and adjustments are reflected in the data.

For the month of March, the following are notable YoungStar statistics.

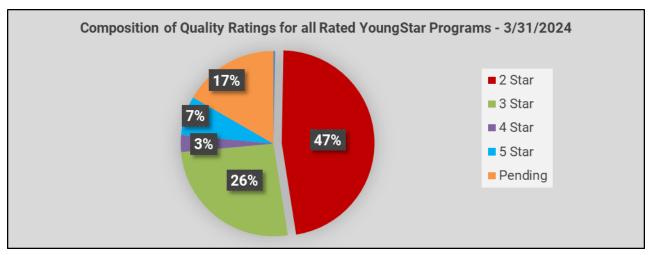
## **★** Participation and Rating Composition:

We currently have 3,847 programs participating in YoungStar. This is a decrease of 3 programs as compared to last month. The chart and graph below show the rating composition by region for the current month.

	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	TOTAL
Southeastern	5	798	440	50	115	282	1,690
Northeastern	0	249	192	31	86	14	572
Northern	1	116	80	13	31	10	251
Southern	2	374	203	61	207	23	870
Western	0	217	145	16	66	20	464
Total	8	1,754	1,060	171	505	349	3,847



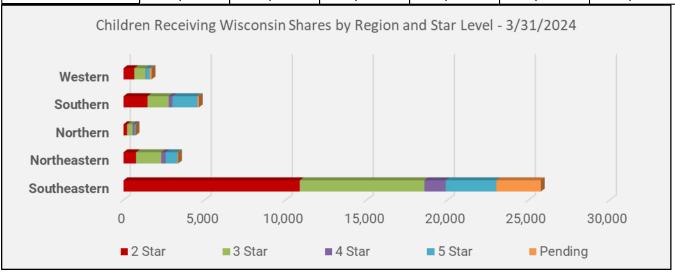




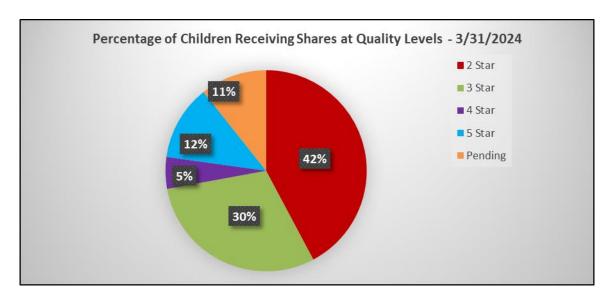
## **★** Rating and Wisconsin Shares Data

The total number of programs currently rated was 3,498. There were an additional 349 programs with pending ratings. There were 2,933 programs with open Wisconsin Shares authorizations when the data was run for this report. There were children receiving Wisconsin Shares as shown by region, age, and star level.

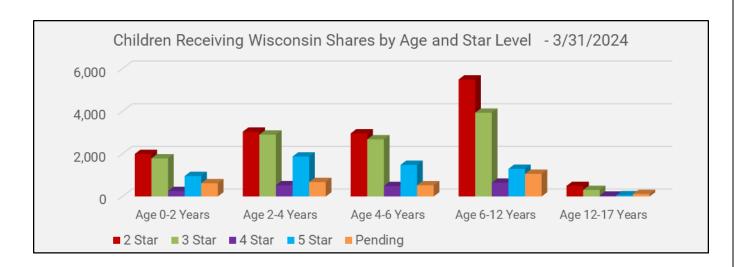
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Southeastern	10,872	7,693	1,312	3,119	2,752	25,748
Northeastern	768	1,559	272	725	43	3,367
Northern	213	351	110	56	16	746
Southern	1,475	1,309	233	1,543	88	4,648
Western	661	697	40	228	108	1,734
Total	13,989	11,609	1,967	5,671	3,007	36,243







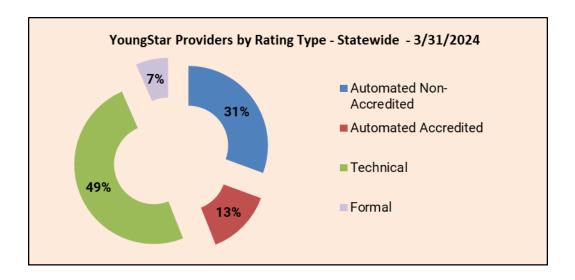
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Age 0-2 Years	1,997	1,789	259	959	621	5,625
Age 2-4 Years	3,040	2,902	529	1,875	678	9,024
Age 4-6 Years	2,963	2,681	492	1,483	526	8,145
Age 6-12 Years	5,493	3,931	646	1,297	1,062	12,429
Age 12-17 Years	496	306	40	57	119	1,018
Total	13,989	11,609	1,967	5,671	3,007	36,243



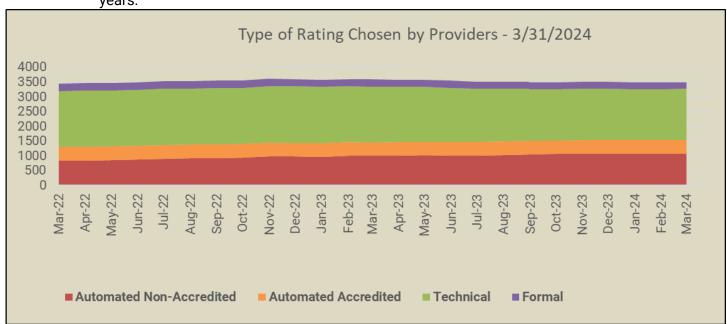


## \* Rating History and Composition:

The composition of currently rated programs is shown below.

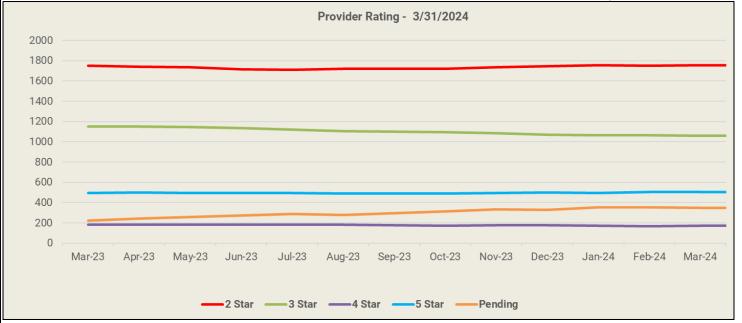


The graph below shows the movement in rating type chosen by providers over the past two years.





The graph below shows movement in rating levels for providers over the past year.





# **★** High-Quality Practices:

As part of the YoungStar evaluation process, programs can be evaluated for having key high-quality practices. The number of programs with high-quality practices is shown below by region.

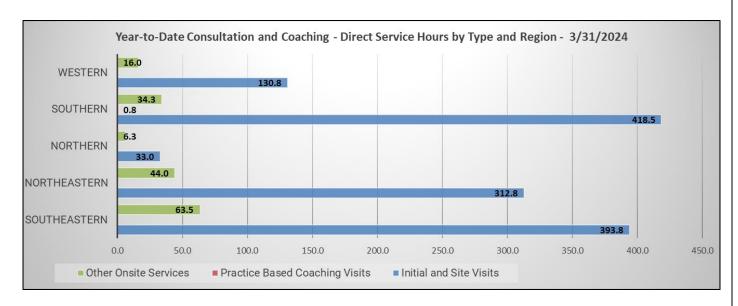
	uses age- appropriate learning plans	gathers information on children's experiences	experiences are adapted to each child's needs	uses a developmental screener	tracks children's growth and progress	most staff have social/emotiona I or inclusion training	staff have strengthening families training
Southeastern	72	33	43	43	21	95	143
Northeastern	58	35	46	35	21	53	74
Northern	15	9	6	12	3	16	35
Southern	59	26	36	39	15	101	123
Western	27	20	11	17	9	46	47
Total	231	123	142	146	69	311	422





#### **★** Onsite Services:

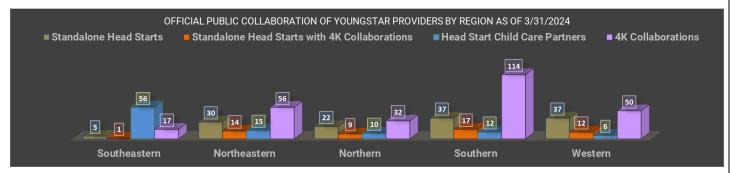
YoungStar provides thousands of hours of direct consultation and coaching services every year to help early care programs with quality improvement across the state. Direct services include things like site visits, practice based coaching services, and formal rating verification visits. The number of hours provided year-to-date are shown in the chart below by type and region.

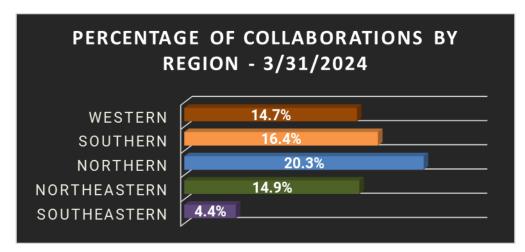


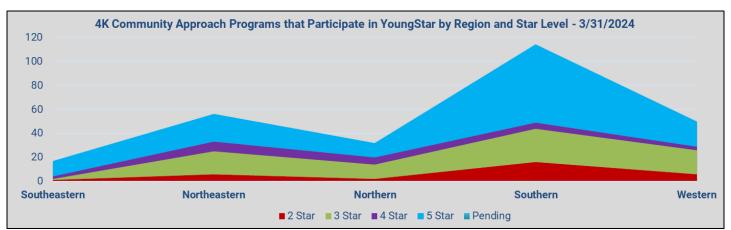
# **★ YoungStar Data on Partnerships:**

Region	Standalone Head Starts	Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations	Head Start Child Care Partners	4K Collaborations	YoungStar Providers
Southeastern	5	1	56	17	1690
Northeastern	30	14	15	56	572
Northern	22	9	10	32	251
Southern	37	17	12	114	870
Western	37	12	6	50	464
Statewide	131	53	99	269	3847

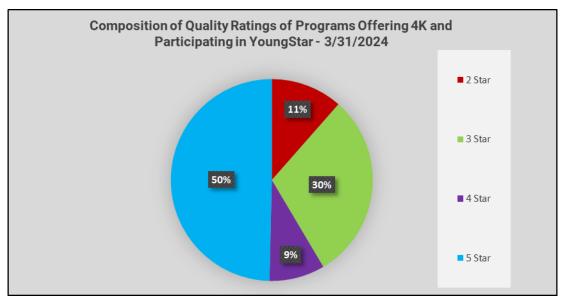












The Head Start/4K Child Care Collaboration information is based on returned surveys and all programs may not be included.

Please see <a href="https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/program/impact">https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/program/impact</a> for more details.