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In May 2015, the Department of Children and Families issued a Request for Proposal for the administration of the YoungStar Quality Rating and Improvement System.

Multiple bidders responded and the Department has selected Supporting Families Together Association (SFTA) to administer all YoungStar services beginning July 1, 2016.

We are actively working to make this transition for YoungStar participating child care providers as smooth as possible. We are in the process of preparing more detailed information to be made available to providers and stakeholders in the near future.

In all counties except Milwaukee, technical assistance services will continue to be provided by local Child Care Resource and Referral offices, just as they are now. Beginning July 1, formal rating and micro-grant services for all counties will be completed by SFTA.

In Milwaukee County, all YoungStar technical consultation services will be delivered by 4C For Children beginning July 1, 2016. A more targeted communication effort to child care providers will occur as additional plans for transitioning technical assistance services from Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA) to 4-C For Children are finalized.

Information will be shared with child care providers statewide via the YoungStar listserv, the YoungStar website and through our stakeholder groups. Additional outreach to providers may take place as needed.

The Department's overall goal is to ensure that YoungStar services continue to provide outstanding support to child care programs working to improve their quality of care throughout this time of transition.

To stay up to date on YoungStar transition communications, please visit the following page: www.dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/program/administration