

Choosing child care isn't easy. YoungStar can help.

The care your child gets at home and away from home can set the stage for lifelong success. That's why there's YoungStar. Our simple, five-star rating system makes it easy to compare your local child care options and find the program that's right for your family.



Wisconsin's Child Care Quality Rating & Improvement System



Just look for the stars.

Compare thousands of Wisconsin child care programs at youngstar.wi.gov and get in-depth information, including their hours, location, and health and safety history. You can also check out each program's quality rating. Programs can earn up to five stars based on the criteria they meet in four key categories:

The Provider's Education & Training

The Learning Environment & Curriculum

The Program's Professional & Business Practices

The Children's Health & Well-Being

Other helpful resources.

At youngstar.wi.gov, find information on early childhood education, nutrition, learning activities, and more. 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.



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