



Through the Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge grant, the Department of Children and Families had the opportunity to create 2,250 developmentally appropriate environment kits to support classroom environments. YoungStar Technical Consultants are distributing kits to 2 and 3 star providers across the state of Wisconsin. Kits are designed for ages birth – 12 months, 12 – 24 months and 24 – 36 months and include books, art and dramatic play materials, and materials to support math and fine motor development. Listed below are examples of the items included in the 3 environment kits.

YoungStar Environment Kit - Materials List

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O-12 months

- Textured Balls
- Soft Blocks
- Easy Grip Balls
- Stacking Toys
- Rattles
- Musical Instruments
- Soft Dolls
- Shape Sorter
- Baby Piano
- Play Phone
- Stacking Cups
- Soft Vehicles
- Ring Stacker
- Fill and Spill Toys
- Board Books/Fabric Books



12-24 months

- Doctor's Kit
- Nest and Stack Toys
- Paint Brushes
- Fill and Spill Toys
- Board Books
- Soft Blocks
- Stacking Rings
- Shape Sorter
- 3 – 5 Piece Puzzles
- Wide Grip Crayons
- Assorted Vehicles
- Blocks
- Pounding Toys
- Play Phone
- Musical Instrument



24-36 months

- Finger Paint
- Puzzles
- Paint Brushes
- Count and Stack Toys
- Zip, Button, Snap Toys
- Picture Books
- Musical Instruments
- Dramatic Play Kitchen Toys
- Stacking Pegs/Peg Board
- Fabric Scarves
- Connecting Toys
- Puppets
- Shape Blocks



Review manufacturer information to ensure toys and materials are developmentally appropriate for each age group.

Visit: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/providers/ysupdates> - Resources to Support Developmentally Appropriate Environments – Environmental Kit Idea Guides for more information on actual kit materials and suggested activities.