

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Our Mission: Child Care Partnership works with parents, providers, and communities to develop highly competent children through quality early childhood programming.

Our goal is to increase access to consistent, affordable, and quality child care services.



**CHILD CARE
PARTNERSHIP**

A program of Western Dairyland Community Action Agency

**Proudly serving Buffalo, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Pepin, Pierce, Polk,
St. Croix, and Trempealeau Counties including the Ho-Chunk Nation.**

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT



Greetings.

2020 has been filled with challenges and changes. CCP staff showed how nimble they are by moving to a virtual world. They transitioned from on-site consulting and trainings to connecting with child care professionals virtually on Zoom, FaceTime and TEAMS. There were professional and personal challenges as we learned a different way of being in the world with the pandemic and civil unrest. Despite these circumstances, staff showed to be resilient and supported providers through this tough time.

This year also brought on many changes in positions and work assignments at CCP with our Director of many years, Dotty Lillo retiring and our Leadership Team engaging in strategic planning for the future. With all these changes we look to the future with hope and want to continue building a strong community presence to support early childhood professionals.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Renee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Renee Ernsting, Director

FAMILIES

362 referrals
468 children

1,653 children
served by CACFP

11 families supported
through Behavior Help WI



COMMUNITY



LOCAL GRANTS SUPPORTED:

Mindfulness Moments Series
Two Book Studies based on resiliency
ECERS-3 Training w/ local School Districts
Bounce Back Bundles with PPE & Supplies
Distributed to PPE from DCF to 100+ programs

THANKS TO A PRIVATE DONATION

CCP will be starting a program to provide families financial assistance with child care fees & past due balances.

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R)
PreLicensing
Pepin County Certification
The Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
YoungStar (YS)
Consulting & Training

CCR&R

Total number of programs in each county & regulation type

	Child Care Center	Family Child Care	Preschool Program	School Age Program	Total
Buffalo	3	8	0	0	11
Chippewa	17	25	4	4	50
Dunn	8	10	2	0	20
Eau Claire	33	30	7	14	84
Jackson	3	10	3	1	17
Pepin	2	9	0	0	11
Pierce	5	23	2	8	38
Polk	4	14	2	9	29
St. Croix	28	31	4	4	67
Trempealeau	7	16	3	0	26
Total	110	176	27	40	353

32 New Programs
775 # Slots Gained

35 Programs Closed
573 # Slots Lost

PreLicensing & Certification

21 potential providers received start up information

6 hours of onsite and/or virtual consultation provided

8 programs became regulated

1 new family child care was certified in Pepin County

CACFP

The Western Dairyland CACFP serves Barron, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Trempealeau, Washburn, & Vernon Counties including the Ho-Chunk Nation.

184 FAMILY CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

500,371 MEALS & SNACKS

1,653 CHILDREN SERVED



223

**Home Visits
Onsite or Virtual**

75+

**Hours of
Consulting**

\$734,445

**Reimbursed to
Programs**

YoungStar

0 ★ Star

65 ★★ Star

62 Automated 2 Star

79 ★★★ Star

13 ★★★★★ Star

1 Automated 4 Star

5 ★★★★★ Star

31 Automated 5 Star

*22 PROGRAMS ARE NOT YET RATED

654

Hours Provided

\$90,500

Micro-Grants Awarded



Additional Consulting

DIRECTORS COHORT

17 directors & administrators met monthly to learn & network

BEHAVIOR HELP WISCONSIN

11 children were supported in Chippewa, Dunn & St. Croix County by providing consultation to child care programs & working with the family to prevent expulsion by reducing challenging behaviors.

The primary behaviors of concern that prompted the referral include: destroying property, hurting others, frequent crying, difficulty following routines and instructions, difficulty interacting with others, anxiety and fears, and sensory sensitivities

2019-2020 4K ENVIRONMENT RATINGS

84 classrooms received 521 hours of consulting

TOP TRENDS FROM CONSULTATION:

- DEVELOPING POLICIES AROUND HEALTH & SAFETY
- STAFF SHORTAGES
- CARING FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN & SUPPORTING VIRTUAL LEARNING
- CHILDREN'S LACK OF ACCESS TO MATERIALS
- FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
- DIVERSITY & EQUITY

Training

44 trainings held
120.5 hours of training
443 participants



ZOOM MEETINGS - TOO MANY TO COUNT!



Provider Spotlight

Child Centered Learning Environment

A Technical Consultant (TC) from CCP has been working with a family program in YoungStar for the past 3 years. During the beginning years of consultation, the provider would often talk proudly about the highly structured, provider-led activities she offered to children. She called these activities “education time”, where she would use worksheets and flashcards to “teach” the children.



During current consultation, the TC and the provider worked through the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS) book using it as a guide to look at current practices and making goals for quality improvement. The provider was motivated to make significant changes to her program, including creating interest areas and filling them with appropriate and engaging learning materials, and including an increased amount of free choice (with accessibility to all materials) in her daily schedule.

The provider reported multiple positive outcomes from these changes. Her days feel “easier”, she now has more time to observe, and can focus on the interests and developmental needs of the children. From these observations, the provider is able to plan activities and materials for each child, based on their individualized needs and interests. The provider uses the FCCERS materials checklist to make sure she has the right amount and types of materials accessible for the children.

Over the past few years, with help from the TC, the family provider was able to move from a provider-centered learning environment to a child-centered learning environment. The TC was able to help the provider see the importance of all parts of the teaching cycle and guide her to making positive improvements to her program that will have a lasting effect on the children and families she serves.

I AM SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP AS A RESOURCE. THEY DO AN EXCELLENT JOB OF SUPPORTING MY FAMILY DAYCARE.

CCP IS A WONDERFUL RESOURCE TO HAVE IN THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY!

THANKS FOR HOSTING ANOTHER FANTASTIC TRAINING! I LEARNED A LOT FROM YOU TODAY. I DO LOVE YOUR ENERGY AND PASSION WHEN IT COMES TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

SUPPORTIVE, SAYS IT ALL. THEY GUIDE ME AND ENCOURAGE ME TO BE BEST I CAN.

AWESOME RESOURCE FOR CENTERS & FAMILIES! STAFF IS EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND KNOWLEDGEABLE!

Child Care Partnership Staff Directory



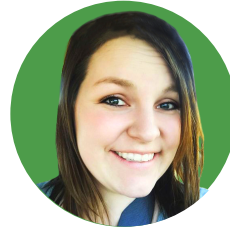
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