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Childcare support information

Developing effective policies to support parents takes deliberate, mindful decision-making. To help, the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has gathered resources for understanding the childcare landscape in the state, clarifying available funding, and helping companies (including childcare providers) with information essential to business success. For a complete consolidation of A Force for Growth resources as well as downloadable toolkits, visit forceforgrowth.wi.gov.

The Wisconsin Childcare Landscape

Access useful resources, research, and support networks specific to the childcare industry.

[Youngstar Childcare Finder](#)

- › Find regulated childcare providers in a specific area and filter by criteria such as YoungStar quality rating and provider type.

[Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies](#)

- › Your local CCR&R can provide a range of services for care providers including assistance around childcare topics and business practices.

[Supporting Families Together Association](#)

- › Wisconsin's statewide member association for childcare organizations and individuals.

[Wisconsin Department of Children and Families 2024 Child Care Market Survey](#)

- › Data examining the availability, cost, and market rate affordability of childcare.

[Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners](#)

- › A cooperative effort between multiple state agencies and a diverse group of early childhood partners to strengthen childcare and education throughout Wisconsin.

[Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Parent Resources](#)

- › Materials to help parents understand many aspects of child rearing and childcare.

Wisconsin Economic Data and Business Partnerships

Keeping an eye on high-level business trends and childcare data can help you understand the challenges facing your workforce and better plan the support you can offer employees.

[Workforce Development Boards](#)

- › A consolidation of contact information for Wisconsin's 11 regional Workforce Development Boards, providing a connection point between local businesses across many industries.

[Governor's Council on Workforce Investment](#)

- › A council formed to help Wisconsin employers in finding the workers they need, plus resources to enable individuals to access training for in-demand careers (including childcare).

[WisConomy](#)

- › Access labor and economic data, with customizable report formats to help you visualize and share findings.
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Childcare Grant and Subsidy Programs

There are funds available for both employers and employees to help offset the costs of childcare; the following resources clarify which businesses and individuals are eligible.

[Wisconsin Shares](#)

- › A Wisconsin Department of Children and Families childcare subsidy program that helps eligible guardians and parents with a portion of their monthly childcare costs.

[Wisconsin Fast Forward Grants](#)

- › A grant program that awards funds to businesses (including childcare providers) to help pay for customized job training.

[Wisconsin Apprenticeship Program Sponsorship](#)

- › Reimbursements for early childhood educator sponsors and apprentices.

[Work Opportunity Tax Credit](#)

- › A federal tax credit available to employers (including childcare providers) for employing individuals who have faced significant barriers to employment.

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