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# Northwest Connection

## FAMILY RESOURCES

### NEW Environment Kits Connection to WMELS

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.

The kits promote learning through play, allowing opportunities to choose from a variety of age appropriate materials. Children tend to choose activities that interest them and become fully engaged when they can use their developmental strengths. Using these materials, teachers are able to expand on these interests, planning play experiences while weaving in a child's individual learning goals.

The Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS) were created to provide specific information around what children should know and be able to do as they develop. Teachers can use this information to guide them in creating learning goals and planning playful learning experiences. On pages 102- 103 of the WMELS fifth edition, there are suggested interest areas where teachers can arrange materials and make them available for children to choose from. Carefully planned activities can promote learning in more than one interest area and developmental domain, as demonstrated on page 104. Keeping this in mind, teachers can create or update interest areas using materials provided in the environment kits.

Contact your YoungStar Consultant to learn more about the environment kits and how to use them in your program.

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/youngstar/pdf/ys-newsletter/ccprovider-newsletter-spring2018.pdf>

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## Easy Chicken Pot Pie

Makes: 6 servings

Cook time: 45 minutes

### **Ingredients:**

1 2/3 cups frozen mixed vegetables (thawed)

1 cup cooked chicken (cut-up)

1 can cream of chicken soup, low-fat (10-3/4 ounce, condensed)

1 cup baking mix, reduced-fat (example: Bisquick)

1/2 cup milk (non-fat)

### **Directions:**

1. Wash hands and any cooking surfaces.
2. Pre-heat oven to 400°F.
3. Mix vegetables, chicken and soup in ungreased, 9-inch pie plate
4. Stir remaining ingredients in a mixing bowl with fork until blended. Pour over vegetables and chicken in pie plate.
5. Bake 30 minutes or until golden brown.
6. Let cool for 5 minutes and serve.

<https://whatscooking.fns.usda.gov/recipes/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/easy-chicken-pot-pie>



Here's what Family Child Care Providers & Center Directors  
are saying about their recent experiences with YoungStar  
Technical Consultants.

## **TESTIMONIES**

- ★ Barron—"I appreciate all the support I get and the ideas I receive. Jessie was awesome to work with and loved all her ideas to better my center."
- ★ Oneida — "We like the continued support to grow and develop our program here."
- ★ Oneida—2017/2018 was my first time doing Youngstar so I needed help interpreting some of the items needed for the new year. The information helped me gather materials from the business end and from the center end.
- ★ Price— We learned how to use more diverse materials. Getting more parents involved by sending home materials and asking for input from them.



# WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

*"Early Years are Learning Years"*

April 16 - 20, 2018

**The Story Starts with You!**

Everything starts with a story. A child's story begins at birth. We know a child's earliest years are the most importance for learning and developing. We want everyone to open their minds and hearts like pages in a book, to celebrate Week of the Young Child (WOYC). There will be a "beginning" to the fun, great activities and a "happily ever after" story, at the end of the week.

We sent out a flyer with full information on the week to help give you some ideas. The activities during the week gives you the opportunity to create a **"classroom story book"** of WOYC activities. Bring the book to the fall conference for a chance to win an amazing prize. We hope you will participate in all the activities and incorporate your own ideas during the week, to celebrate young children.

*Save the Date*

**THE STORY STARTS WITH YOU**

**October 20, 2018**

**Hayward Wesleyan Church**

**"THE STORY STARTS WITH YOU"** conference will have an opportunity for you to win an amazing prize for your program. Throughout the **Week of the Young Child** you participated in activities, took pictures, charted favorite books, read books, prepared snacks, and heard the children's stories. Create a **"CLASSROOM STORY BOOK"** to highlight all the fun you had in celebrating the children. There will be 4 prizes awarded for the story books that best show the 4 following categories:

- 1) participation following the week's outlined activities
- 2) most creative additional WOYC activities
- 3) parent/child involvement
- 4) random drawing of all the STORY BOOKS entered

This is your opportunity to share the fun you had and show off your program.

**If you have any questions, please call us at (800) 733-KIDS.**



# Upcoming Training Opportunities

## Sudden Infant Death Syndrome & Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Training

These trainings will help you to discover the causes, effects and ways to help prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS). You will also learn about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and how to help reduce risk. This is a wonderful training for providers, parents, and community members. There is a \$20 fee for this combined training.

### Northwest Connection Family Resources, Hayward

★ *Thursday, May 31st 6:00-9:00pm*

### Oneida County Law Enforcement, Rhinelander

★ *Monday, April 16th 5:00-9:00pm*  
(Open House & Training)

## Ages and Stages 3 Questionnaire (ASQ-3)

This developmental screening is a proven strategy for identifying children's strengths and opportunities for growth. Come learn more about the Ages & Stages Questionnaire and how to empower parents to meet their children's needs. There is a \$15 fee for this training including materials.

★ *Thursday, April 12th 6:00-9:00pm*

*Phillips Normal Building*

★ *Thursday, April 19th 6:00-9:00pm*

*Iron County Courthouse*

Please call for more information &  
to register for each training  
(715) 634-2299 or (800) 733-KIDS

### Help us plan for upcoming trainings!

Send suggestions for training topics to NCFR.

Please call us or email any questions or suggestions to [nwchild6@cheqnet.net](mailto:nwchild6@cheqnet.net)

## Discovering Science

This training will provide education for providers on how to incorporate science concepts into their programs. Science will be explored through hands on activities. There is a \$15 fee for this training.

★ *Tuesday, April 24th 6:00-9:00pm*

*Northwest Connection Family Resources*

★ *Tuesday, May 8th 6:00-9:00pm*

*Senior Center, Rusk County*

## Steward of Children (Darkness to Light)

Stewards of Children teaches adults to take responsibility to prevent child sexual assault. The workshop educates adults on the steps they can take to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse. These trainings are FREE.

★ *Monday, April 9th 11:00-4:00pm*

*Bad River Health Center*

★ *Tuesday, April 10th 11:00-4:00pm*

*Bad River Health Center*

★ *Monday, April 16th 4:00-7:00pm*

*Northwest Connection Family Resources*

## Super Saturday with Tom Copeland

### ***Make the Business Side of Child Care Work for You!***

Taking care of children is only half your job, the other half is taking care of business. This workshop will help YOU to be more successful as a business.

★ *Saturday, April 14th 9:00-4:00pm*

*Flat Creek Inn & Suites, Hayward*





# Upcoming Training Opportunities

## Bring the Protective Factors to Life in Your Work!

As part of our mission to support families and healthy development of children, we are able to offer these 6 session training during which we will engage in a comprehensive discussion about the importance of bringing the Protective Factors to the forefront of the field of family support. You will leave with a renewed sense of purpose and enthusiasm for your work!

★ *Fridays, 3/23, 4/6, & 4/20 8:00-Noon*

*In the Gathering Room Mole Lake Casino Lodge*

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*to every day!*  
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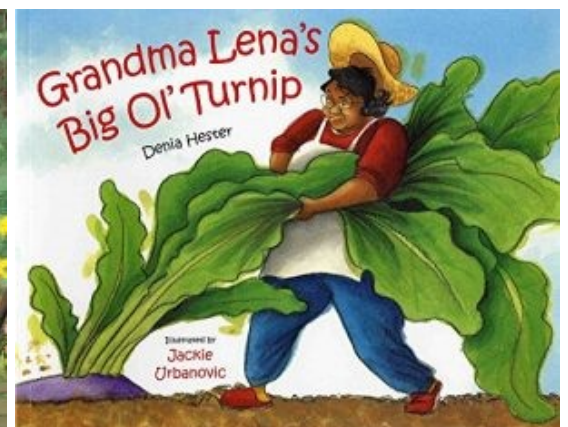
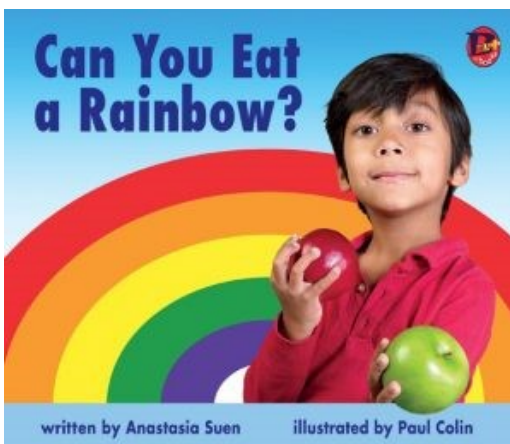
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## Multicultural Collection of Farm to ECE Book

The Food Trust's multicultural collection of farm to ECE books highlights children's books that feature characters from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, many of which are authored by writers of color. The list also includes a number of books that are either bilingual or written exclusively in Spanish. These books cover a wide variety of farm to ECE related topics including gardening, farms, cooking, family meals, farmers markets, shopping for food and more.

[http://www.pareadysetgrow.org/book-list/?ct=t\(Ready\\_Set\\_Grow11\\_28\\_2017\)&mc\\_cid=93d78583de&mc\\_eid=b7c5f86429](http://www.pareadysetgrow.org/book-list/?ct=t(Ready_Set_Grow11_28_2017)&mc_cid=93d78583de&mc_eid=b7c5f86429)



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## OPEN HOUSE

### Legendary Water Resort & Casino

37600 Onigaming Drive, Red Cliff

April 10th, 2018

5:00 - 6:00 pm Open House      6:00 - 9:00 pm SIDS/SBS Training  
(Dinner Included)

### DNR Service Center

810 W Maple Street, Spooner

May 2nd, 2018

5:00 - 6:00pm Open House      6:00 - 9:00 pm SIDS/SBS Training

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May 31st, 2018

5:00 - 6:00 pm Open House      6:00 - 9:00 pm SIDS/SBS Training

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

If you are interested in becoming a certified, family licensed or group licensed provider or in the process of becoming regulated and you want to learn more about how YoungStar can positively impact your program from the first day you open **YOU SHOULD ATTEND.**

If you are a current child care provider and would like to learn more about ways to enhance your current child care programming and hear about a micro-grant opportunity **YOU SHOULD ATTEND.**

If you are attending the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention (SBS) Trainings at 6:00 pm **YOU SHOULD ATTEND.**

*(Separate registration and \$20 fee required to attend the trainings - Be sure to register - Registry credit given)*

**DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS - RESOURCES - GREAT CONVERSATION**

**CALL TO REGISTER**

**(800) 733-KIDS**

## **Spring Conferences are right around the corner!**

**Friday, May 11th**

Spring Tribal Conference  
LCO Sevenwinds Casino  
Lodge & Conference Center  
Hayward  
9:00-4:00pm

Jeff Johnson

### **Trusting Playful Learning**



**Saturday, May 12th**

Spring Conference  
The Pointe Hotel & Suites  
Minocqua  
9:00-4:00pm

Jeff Johnson

### **Caring for the Caregiver**



Jeff Johnson is a husband, father, speaker, author, defender of childhood, toy maker, and family child care home provider. Jeff has authored 7 books focusing on the field of early childhood education. He has sixteen years of experience as a community center and child care center Director. He, along with his wife Tasha, opened their own family child care home in 2003.

Jeff is a board member of the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children as well as the National Association of Family Child Care. Jeff is a frequent speaker on the topics of provider burnout and early learning at early childhood conferences around the country. His web address is [www.explorationsearlylearning.com](http://www.explorationsearlylearning.com).

**Call Northwest Connection Family Resources**

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**to register for the conferences!**

*Register early to ensure you receive a copy of Jeff's book,*

*"Finding Your Smile Again"*





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