

## News Release

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### Evers supports child care quality rating system

*YoungStar program to help parents choose quality childcare for their children*

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers issued a statement regarding Governor Jim Doyle’s announcement of the development of the YoungStar program.

“Today, Governor Doyle and Wisconsin have taken another important step to improve the early learning opportunities for our youngest children. The YoungStar child care quality rating and improvement system will help families make important decisions about their child care options. By providing consistent markers and incentives for quality, this system will improve the daily experiences provided in thousands of child care centers across the state. Developmentally appropriate early learning experiences lay a foundation for our children’s success in school, helping us reach the goal of having every child graduate with knowledge and skills needed to be successful in the workforce or further education.

“As co-chair, along with Department of Children and Families Secretary Reggie Bicha, of the Governor’s Early Childhood Advisory Council, I am proud to be working with our partners to assess and assure a comprehensive system to support young children and families. The Department of Public Instruction looks forward to continued collaboration to improve the early childhood learning opportunities for children in Wisconsin.”

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