



Child & Adult Care Food Program

**Wisconsin
Sponsors Forum**



Wisconsin Child Care Summit Recap



Thank you for attending!

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2013 Wisconsin Child Care Summit on Early Care and Education and Health and Wellness for young children! We had a jam-packed morning and afternoon, filled with new information, ideas, advice from the experts, and networking among a diverse group of child care leaders, community organizations and nutrition professionals.

Below, you'll find a wrap-up of the summit, including resources and recommendations from each breakout session that will help us attain our shared goals!

Let's continue networking with fellow participants and staying on top of the latest nutrition news and planning efforts within the Early Childhood community in Wisconsin.

Check out our Wisconsin Child Care Summit [webpage](#) or use our [electronic bulletin board](#) to share your thoughts, ideas and plans!

Recommendations and Materials from Summit Breakout Sessions

Each breakout group generated recommendations to further our discussion to strengthen the quality of regulated childcare and promote health and nutrition for young children in Wisconsin. We will take these recommendations into consideration as we plan our future efforts to promote these shared goals.

Click [here](#) to access our webpage and session materials.

Early Care and Education Panel and Roundtable Recommendations

1. Continue to build connections between Licensing, Certification, Youngstar, Wisconsin Shares and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Sponsors Forum.
2. Increase participation in regulated childcare by targeting outreach to unregulated family childcare.
3. Support, recommend, and refer appropriate clients to each other's programs and agencies.
4. Refer Family Day Care Home (FDCH) providers to the [CACFP Sponsors Forum website](#) to find a sponsor in their area.
5. Find the resources available to track trends in the child care field.
6. Use research that substantiates the CACFP as an indicator of quality child care to support the goals of increasing integrity and quality in the child care industry.
7. Establish a group to evaluate the most appropriate way to include input from the CACFP Sponsors Forum in the Youngstar rating system, determining if simply complying with regulation deserves a point or if a point is earned for actually participating in CACFP.
8. Establish a group to identify the barriers to participate in regulated childcare from a child care provider's perspective.
9. Develop and provide training and outreach for:
 - Persons who interact with Early Childhood Caregivers to provide the same message in response to Frequently Asked Questions, program goals and shared resources.
 - Parents by supporting Youngstar's outreach efforts to ensure the definition of quality child care includes participating in the CACFP.
 - Create networking opportunities between those interested in Early Care and Education.

Wellness: Obesity Prevention and Food Insecurity Panel and Roundtable Recommendations

- Continue our efforts to support and encourage CACFP participation and promote best practices in nutrition and physical activity amongst programs.
- Stay current with the proposed CACFP meal pattern changes
- Connect healthy eating and physical activity to overall wellness
- Promote the other United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs CACFP, Women's Infants and Children (WIC), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), elderly nutrition programs, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and the Special Milk Program.
- Support Wisconsin Early Childhood Obesity Prevention Initiative (WECOPI), UW Extension Family Living Programs and local food bank efforts.
- Recommend and share resources available from each organization and agency.

Photos from the Summit

Thank you to Lisa Calderone for capturing the following photos at the summit. View the entire [photo gallery](#)!



**We would like to thank each of you and your organization for your support and participation in the Wisconsin Child Care Summit!
We look forward to talking with you soon as we begin to implement the ideas and recommendations shared at the summit.**