



The WECA CACFP Provider Connection

September  October 2010

WECA CACFP anniversaries

Thank you to all WECA providers! Your continued support of WECA and your dedication to children help us serve almost 20,000 Wisconsin children each year.

September

20 years

Cheryl Dickman Katherine Rank

Rita Wallhausser

15 years

Deborah Burke Lisa Gottschalk
Debbie Marks Patricia Sheils
Karen Shulfer Kathleen Williams

5 years

Juanita Brown Jacqueline Canady
Dorothy Clay Tammy Dannhoff
Lydia Geter Zeanie Henderson
Cheryl Johnson Mary Killins
Claudyetter King-Harvill Kathleen Loos
Rose Mallett Anna McKissick
Latisha Moore Jennifer Rohlfing
Lasonia Smith Quardia Smith

Dawn Zaruba

October

20 years

Beth Nicholson Ellie Schilling

Jean Stefanek

15 years

Annie McElroy

10 years

Jennifer Booth Kim Bricko
Taisha Bridges Joelle Brown
Angie Esser Ethel Glass
Heide Henson Gina Hill
Betty Joyce Hogans Cathy Selck

Vanetta Stanley

5 years

Jessica Blomberg Roberta Bonney
Heidi Bourassa Latrice Ference
Donta Geter Patti Harvat
Theresa Hrdlicka Michelle Magerowski

Dana Modin

A reminder about your child re-enrollment packet

Be sure to complete your packet immediately and then return it directly to the WECA office. It must be received by October 5, 2010.

Remember – don't remove any of the pages from your packet.



Why do we want your email address?

During these challenging times, it's smart for nonprofit organizations like WECA to do more business online. As long as we have your current email address, you won't miss out on anything! And if you create a free email address account, you can keep it, even if you change your Internet Service Provider. Some examples of free email accounts are:

- [Hotmail](#).
- [Google](#).
- [Yahoo](#).

Income guidelines information

Income guidelines remain the same as last year. See [the WECA website](#) for income eligibility information. Or call 800-783-9322, ext. 7246. Remember that you can apply for income eligibility at any time!

America Online (AOL) is not compatible with CACFP.Net

Remember that the [CACFP.Net](#) online claiming program and Internet Service Provider AOL are NOT compatible. So, if AOL is your Internet Provider, use a different computer with a different Internet Provider to access CACFP.Net.

NOTE: If you choose to use AOL, neither CACFP.Net nor the WECA Food Program will be responsible for errors that result.

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A new Claim Information Form (CIF) has been created just for paper claimers

If you still submit your claim on paper forms, the CIF has been updated for you! You will ONLY send us a CIF when you need to tell us that:

- A school-age child was in care at a morning snack or lunch, Monday through Friday.
- You were open on a food program holiday.
- It's time to drop a child from enrollment.
- We need to change/add a child's special code.
- We need to correct a child's date of birth or date of enrollment.
- You have an information change for yourself.

If you don't need to tell us any of the information above, don't send a CIF. Simple! (Don't write the information on your claim. It won't be noticed, and it may cause processing errors.)

Please remember, whether you claim online or not, you can always submit the above information online from [the WECA website](#). Just select and complete the required online form(s), scroll down and submit.

If you still get a paper check, you'll receive a small supply of the new form. Please make copies of the new Claim Information Form, or download it from [the WECA website](#). **After this initial supply, the new form will no longer be mailed to you.**

Online claimers will continue to let us know of their changes online.

Reimbursement rates, per child, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Rates are adjusted yearly by the federal government:

	<u>Tier 1</u>	<u>Tier 2</u>
Breakfast	\$1.19	\$0.44
Lunch/Dinner	\$2.22	\$1.34
Snack	\$0.66	\$0.18

Remember to update your regulation

Always submit a copy of each page of your updated regulation as soon as possible. We want to be able to pay you! Fax your pages to Pam at 608-442-5306.



The Provider Referral Program will end soon

Refer a regulated family child care provider, not currently on a food program, to WECA, and receive a \$25 gift card, redeemable at Lakeshore Learning, for each provider you refer.

Check out [Lakeshore's website](#), or call 800-421-5354 for their free catalog. Prices start at less than five dollars for fun provider and child teaching/learning materials.

Only a few gift cards are left, so call your area coordinator today to start the referral process!

Providers featured in WECA summer newsletter

Billie Ognenoff (Milwaukee County) and Bonnie Schultz (Sawyer County) were featured in WECA's summer newsletter for involving kids in gardening.

Do you know? Children are more willing to try new foods if they've been involved in growing the food.



What's happening with YoungStar

YoungStar, the Quality Rating and Improvement System, passed unanimously in June. YoungStar offers Wisconsin child care providers another way to show off the quality of their programs.

Immediate training/technical assistance will be offered in twelve counties, identified by the Department of Children and Families: Dane, Eau Claire, Iron, Kenosha, La Crosse, Marathon, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Washburn, Waukesha, and Wood. The trainings will prepare providers for the start of the full YoungStar program in late 2010 or early 2011.

Trainings will cover many topics and will be offered in the twelve counties, but are open to all. When the full YoungStar program rolls out, training/technical assistance will be available all around the state. To learn more:

- Ask your area coordinator. She'll have information to share with you.
- View WECA's YoungStar webinars at wisconsinearlychildhood.org.
- Also watch the WECA website for dates, times, and locations of the YoungStar workshops being offered this fall in the twelve counties.

Refurbished computers available from Dell

Companies like Dell offer refurbished computers for less. Visit [the Dell Outlet](#), or call 800-999-3355. Financing is available.