Child Care Resource & Referral Network

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Child Care Access Program

Quarter Update
April 2026

Program Goals: Wis. Stat. § 49.1335; s. 20.437(2)(bp)

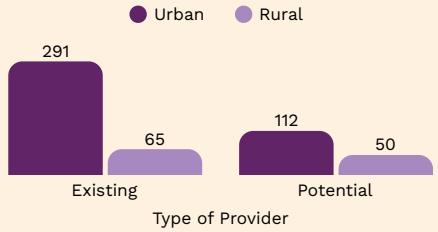
Recruitment
Grow the child care workforce

Retention
Keep skilled providers in the workforce

Quality
Deliver safe, nurturing early education

Statewide Impact

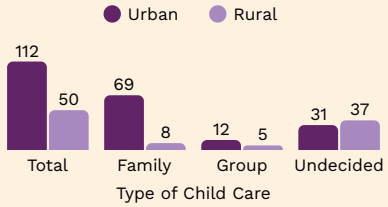
518 *total exisitng & potential child care providers served*



Recruitment

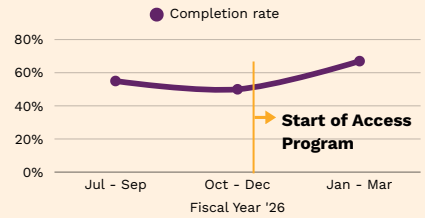
Referred to Child Care Pipeline

162 *total individuals referred*



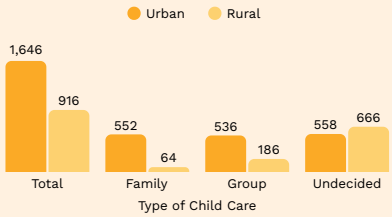
Completed Entry Training

209 *individuals received coaching to complete trainings*



Potential Slots Created

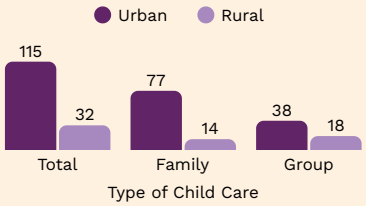
2,562 *total potential child care slots created*



Retention

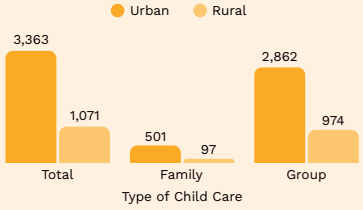
Received Regular Check-Ins

147 *child care providers received 1:1 check-ins*



Potential Slots Retained

4,434 *total potential child care slots retained*



Quality

New On-Demand Trainings:

- Bite-sized learning that strengthens child care quality in **three critical areas:**
  - Licensing 101
  - Child Guidance
  - Wisconsin Shares & Compliance
- Available May 18 in English and Spanish

Testimonials from CCR&R Network

"Our region mainly consists of... child care deserts, and this quarter, we [talked about a career in child care with] over 300 individuals through the Access Program"

"With Access Program funding, our agency was able to put in thousands of minutes of coaching, growing our [entry] course completion rate to 90%!"

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Calculation **Methodology**

Statewide Impact

All existing and potential child care providers served through the Child Care Access Program to date

- **Existing Providers (Retention):** Entry training participants + providers receiving 1:1 check-ins
- **Potential Providers (Recruitment):** Individuals referred into the child care workforce pipeline

Recruitment

Referred to Child Care Pipeline

Individuals engaged through recruitment activities who were referred to pre-licensing, certification, or entry-level training.

- **Family:** Interested in starting or working in a Family Child Care program
- **Group:** Interested in starting or working in a Group Child Care program
- **Unknown:** Interested in a child care career but undecided on pathway

Potential Slots Created

Estimated based on the child care pathway identified by the referred individual and number of slots associated with that role.

- **Family Program**
  - Owner: 8 slots (maximum licensed capacity for a Family Child Care program)
  - Employee: 4 slots (maximum additional capacity supported by hiring one staff member)
- **Group Program:**
  - Owner: 50 slots (average licensed capacity of Group Child Care programs in Wisconsin)
  - Employee: 18 slots (absolute maximum, based on school-age staff-to-child ratios)
- **Unknown Pathway:** 18 slots (assumes employment in an existing Group Child Care program)

Note: If you are interested in exploring a potential slot calculation based on infant or toddler ratios, contact Thriving Wisconsin.

Retention

Received Regular Check-Ins

Providers who accepted monthly 1:1 support from Child Care Resource & Referral staff, including:

- New providers
- Hmong, Spanish, and Tribal providers
- Providers at risk of closing

Potential Slots Retained

Estimated using the licensed capacity of providers who received regular 1:1 check-ins.