



Child Care Unit

Accreditation

History

- ❖ Began in 1975
- ❖ Unique in the nation
- ❖ Voluntary
- ❖ Indicator of High Quality Child Care

What is City of Madison Child Care Accreditation?

- What is Child Care Accreditation
- Difference between licensed and Accredited
- How does it work within state systems

Benefits of City of Madison Child Care Accreditation

All Madison Accredited Programs receive the following benefits:

- * Consultation, support and training for program quality during and after accreditation.
- * Eligibility to serve families receiving Madison Child Care Tuition Assistance
- * Grants
 - * PD
 - * Materials and Equipment
 - * Facility improvements

Non-profit and/or government sponsored programs are also additionally eligible for the following:

- * Stabilization funds

Eligibility

Programs must be:

- ❖ Non-Profit
- ❖ Business Corporations
- ❖ Limited Liability Company
- ❖ Government Sponsored Programs
- ❖ Family Child Care systems and providers
- ❖ Only programs located within the city of Madison.

Program Requirements

- *Compliance with licensing and all applicable state and local building codes.
- * Compliance with Madison General Ordinance 3.12 regarding accreditation.
- * Participation in Wisconsin YoungStar Program.
- * parental participation and input.
- *Willingness to serve families participating in the Madison Child Care Tuition Assistance Program.
- * Compliance with the City of Madison's Child Care Standards.
- *Participation in surveys regarding child care issues.
- *Public accountability in the use of public resources.

Steps in the Accreditation Process:

- *Specialist conducts orientation meeting with all program staff
- *Specialist reviews administrative documents and program policies.
- *Specialist reviews packets from classrooms and administration.
- *Specialist conducts classroom observations and writes review.
- *Discussion meeting with classroom staff and administration.
- *Plan of action if changes are required.
- * Follow up/Verification of action plan if needed.
- *Identifying assistance (training, consultation, small grants)
- *Signing of compliance statement and submission of accreditation status to the Department of Children and Families

Areas of Accreditation

- Interactions Among Teachers and Children.
- Curriculum
- Personnel
- Teacher and Family Relationships
- Physical Environment
- Health and Safety
- Nutrition and Food Service
- Administration

Child Care Tuition Assistance

- Helps to pay for the cost of child care for low-income families living in the city of Madison.
- Only for families that are not eligible for other assistance such as Wisconsin Shares.
- Parent/Guardian must meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:
 - Employed or looking for work
 - Enrolled in school or training program.
 - Experiencing a special circumstance (such as health crisis)