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The Parenting Place Programs	YoungStar YoungStar is Wisconsin's child care quality rating and improvement system. - Objectively measures child care quality by rating thousands of child care providers, awarding up to five stars - Gives parents an easy way to compare their local child care options and find the programs that match their family's lifestyle, budget, and special needs. - Supports providers with tools and training to deliver high-quality care - Sets a consistent standard for child care quality		X			
	Pre-Licensing Consultation Pre-Licensing is a FREE and required service for potential licensed childcare providers. A Pre-Licensing Consultant provides up to 8 hours of technical consultation, one 2- to 4-hour site visit (required) to prepare potential family providers and group centers to prepare their spaces, policies and business practices in order to successfully complete the licensing process.	X			X	
	Child Care Certification DCF 202 establishes standards for the certification of persons who provide child care for 1 to 3 children under age 7 unrelated to the provider, or who are not otherwise required to be licensed as a child care center under s. 48.65, Stats. DCF contracts certification functions to local counties and tribes. This level of regulation provides streamlined access to starting a family child care business.	X			X	

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The Parenting Place Programs	Pyramid Model Implementation/Coaching Provide training, external coaching and support for sites pursuing full implantation of Pyramid Model strategies to support social/emotional growth of children.		X		X (retention)	
	NEW Partner Up! Statewide \$10 million to support partnerships between businesses who purchase slots at existing regulated child care providers. Funding can be used to increase staff compensation, pay expenses, reserve child care slots for local business employees, and improve the quality of a child care.			X		
	NEW Child Care Explorers Funded by City of La Crosse ARPA (through La Crosse Community Foundation) for high school students to learn about and enter the child care field and provide streamlined access to entry-level courses for these students and others in the community.				X	
	NEW Entry Level Courses - Non-credit Intro and Fundamentals Courses (new) - CPR (existing program) - SIDS/AHT Prevention (existing program)				X	

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DCF Programs	NEW Child Care Counts <i>Payment Program A –Increasing Access to High-Quality Care</i> Ensures high-quality care available across the state by supporting costs to remain in regulatory compliance, enhance health and safety practices, and promote continuous quality improvement with engagement in the YoungStar Quality Rating and Improvement System.	X	X			
	NEW Child Care Counts <i>Payment Program B – Funding Workforce Recruitment and Retention</i> Supports costs associated with recruiting and retaining high-quality early care and education staff through funding to increase compensation and provide professional development opportunities.					X
	Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy The Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program supports eligible families by funding a portion of the cost of child care while the parents are working or participating in an approved activity. https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/wishares			X		

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Current/Future Proposal Opportunities	Workforce Innovation Grants Round 2 The Workforce Innovation Grant Program is a collaboration between the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). The program provides up to \$10 million grants to regional organizations to design and implement innovative plans that help solve the workforce challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has caused in their regions. This program encourages the development of leading-edge, long-term solutions that enable businesses to more easily find workers and empower those workers to more successfully prepare for and connect to the family-supporting careers in their regions. Applications for Round 2 opened on February 22, 2022 and are due on April 18, 2022.					
	Not Funded, Supporting Families Together Association Targets child care centers in the state with recruiting and retention support	X (TPP part of SFTA proposal)			X (TPP part of SFTA proposal)	X (TPP part of SFTA proposal)
	Not Funded, Western & 7 Rivers partnership Targets manufacturing in Western region, emphasis on rural counties, room for child care initiatives as relates to manufacturing workforce. Expansion of Child Care Explorers could be a useful strategy.				X	

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	Funded City of La Crosse ARPA Funding \$1.97 million approved for child care in city of La Crosse. Intentional flexibility to allow for nimbleness based on other initiatives as they emerge as well as child care provider needs. Innovation by leveraging CDBG housing as improvements to retain and recruit providers	X	X		X	X
	Proposal in Process La Crosse County ARPA Funding Reservation of 3.3 million of county ARPA allocation for Neighborhood Child Care model, process still unfolding with Board approval in future. As of 7.13.22 two proposals delayed for 30 days at County Executive Committee,	X	X		X	X
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Current/Future Proposal Opportunities	NEW Dream Up! \$8.1 million in grants to support 30 communities and child care programs around the state, over the next two years. Through a collaborative community approach, teams of community stakeholders, will work to evaluate, plan, sustain, and expand existing child care, and support new child care programs. Applications should be submitted by a team of invested community members. https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/projectgrowth/dream-up As of 7.30.22 no proposals from La Crosse community. Other rounds will be available with timeline TBD.					

	FUTURE Preschool Development Grants Wisconsin was recently awarded a Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five (PDG B-5) Renewal, totaling \$30 million over the next three years. The PDG B-5 Renewal Grant is based on the strategic plan developed by DCF, the Department of Public Instruction, and other partners, and includes feedback and guidance from the department's early care and education stakeholders. The grant focused on the following activities: • Attracting and retaining early childhood education professionals • Empowering families to make the best choices for their children • Building regional networks of support • Increasing overall quality of early childhood programs Unknown what this opportunity means mean for La Crosse County.	X	X		X	X
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	La Crosse School District , early childhood courses for students				X	
Other Supports	Wisconsin Early Educations Shared Services Network • Business/Back Office Supports				X (Retention)	
	Wisconsin Women's Business Initiatives Corporation • Start-up Business Support	X			X	