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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: April 18, 2016

Re: DCF Report to JFC

Attached is a report on the YoungStar Program from the Department of Children and Families.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

This letter provides the Department of Children and Families' 1st Quarter 2016 report on the YoungStar program. The information below is a compilation of data requested by the Committee related to YoungStar implementation. The information is current through April 3, 2016.

Status of YoungStar

The Consortium (the YoungStar contractor) continues to process applications, provide technical assistance and conduct evaluations of programs. As of April 3, 2016, 3,864 programs had been rated using the five-star rating system. Of these rated programs, 2,932 are currently serving children who are in the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program. Additionally, 141 providers have applied and are in the process of being rated. A breakout of rated programs by star level is included below:

	Licensed Group	Licensed Family	Certified Family	Public School	Licensed Camp	TOTAL
One Star	2	10	1	0	0	13
Two Stars	570	702	524	109	34	1939
Three Stars	827	338	58	72	19	1314
Four Stars	112	71	7	6	4	200
Five Stars	335	57	1	1	4	398
TOTAL	1846	1178	591	188	61	3864

Note: Programs that receive a 1 Star rating are not eligible to care for children in the Wisconsin Shares program.

Senator Darling and Representative Nygren

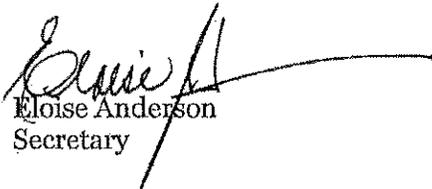
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During the first quarter, the Consortium provided on-site coaching and mentoring, professional development support, and rating services to around 2,200 group, family, school-age, and day camp programs. These services enhanced the quality of programs serving children birth to age twelve in 74 of Wisconsin's counties and tribes. Additionally, \$497,000 in micro-grants was awarded to 612 programs to support quality improvement goals.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide an update on the status of the YoungStar program and look forward to working with the Committee on strengthening these important services for Wisconsin families.

Sincerely,



Eloise Anderson
Secretary

cc: Scott Neitzel, Department of Administration
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