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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: August 3, 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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Honorable John Nygren, Assembly Co-Chair  
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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

This letter provides the Department of Children and Families' 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 July 3, 2016.

**Status of YoungStar**

The Consortium (the YoungStar contractor) continues to process applications, provide technical assistance and conduct evaluations of programs. As of July 3, 2016, 3,778 programs are currently rated using the five-star rating system. Of these rated programs, 2,621 are currently serving children who are in the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program. Additionally, 139 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
<b>One Star</b>	7	12	0	0	0	<b>19</b>
<b>Two Stars</b>	553	662	490	118	32	<b>1855</b>
<b>Three Stars</b>	818	341	57	70	16	<b>1302</b>
<b>Four Stars</b>	106	72	9	5	4	<b>196</b>
<b>Five Stars</b>	338	61	1	3	3	<b>406</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1822</b>	<b>1148</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3778</b>

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

During the second quarter, the Consortium provided 8,350 hours of individualized coaching and mentoring, professional development support, and/or rating services to around 2,150 group, family, school-age, and day camp programs. These services enhanced the quality of programs serving children birth to age twelve in 72 of Wisconsin's counties and tribes.

Senator Darling and Representative Nygren

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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eloise Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eloise Anderson  
Secretary

cc: Scott Neitzel, Department of Administration  
Bob Lang, Legislative Fiscal Bureau