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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: October 31, 2018

Re: DCF Report to JFC

Attached is a quarterly report on 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' 3rd Quarter 2018 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 October 1, 2018.

Status of YoungStar

Supporting Families Together Association (the YoungStar contractor) continues to process applications, provide technical assistance, and conduct evaluations of programs. As of August 30, 2018, 3,629 programs were rated using the five-star rating system. Of these rated programs, 2,670 are currently serving children from families participating in the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program. Additionally, 131 newly participating 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	6	3	2	0	0	11
Two Stars	586	590	336	102	42	1656
Three Stars	766	348	41	57	13	1225
Four Stars	127	79	12	5	7	230
Five Stars	438	61	2	3	3	507
TOTAL	1923	1081	393	167	65	3629

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

During the third quarter, local YoungStar offices provided approximately 5,400 hours of individualized onsite coaching, mentoring, and/or rating services to 1,107 group, family, School-age, and day camp programs located in 67 of Wisconsin's counties and 4 tribes.

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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,



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Secretary

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