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## 2022 Board

### Meetings:

January 20-21

March 16-17

May 18-19

July 20-21

September 14-15

November 16-17

## WCCAA Regions:



## Our Mission:

*To support each other as Child Care Administrators in providing quality programming for Wisconsin's families.*

## WCCAA Mini-Conference is a great Success!!!

Holiday Inn Pewaukee-Milwaukee West November 5, 2021

Attendance was high for the first in-person gathering hosted by WCCAA. Pam Boulton and Ann McClain Terrel delivered powerful messages on Leading, Serving and Inspiring. The Early Care & Education Field has been hit hard during COVID, yet remain hopeful that good things are on the way.

Erin Arango-Escalante, administrator for the Division of Early Care and Education, shared insight on the recently announced launch of an **updated Child Care Counts payment program** to support Wisconsin's early care and education community. Regulated child care providers will be eligible to receive monthly payments through 2023, providing the financial stability needed to stay open, to recruit and retain qualified staff, and to continue providing high-quality care for children.



## Registration Opens November 15, 2021

## WCCAA 2022 Annual Conference Face-to-Face.

January 20-21, 2022 at The Ingleside Hotel, Pewaukee WI

## Introducing the Key Note Speakers:

**Angel Stoddard** is driven by a deep belief that all leaders must be learners and aims to inspire the joy of learning in others.

**Tina Feaster** is the Child Care Licensing Program Specialist in the Bureau of Early Care Regulation.

**Pam Boulton**, EdD, UWM Child Care Director Emeritus, Center for Early Childhood Professional Development and Leadership in the UW-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education and serves as the Coordinator for the Exchange Leadership Initiative for Exchange Magazine.

**DCF Secretary Amundson** has over a decade of experience in state government with an intimate knowledge of children and youth programs and their interconnectedness to the health and vitality of our state.



## Renew, Refresh and Recharge

## Hot Topics in Early Care & Education

### Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is launching an updated Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program to support Wisconsin's early care and education community. Regulated child care providers will be eligible to receive monthly payments through 2023, providing the financial stability they need to stay open, to recruit and retain qualified staff, and to continue providing high-quality care for children. For more info: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/childcare/payments>

### Build Back Better Act

- This federal funding will ensure that states increase compensation and invest in the supply and quality of child care.
- Investments will support a child care system that includes family child care homes and child care centers.
- Universal preschool will also include a mixed-delivery system, with a distribution among eligible providers, including Head Start, schools, and both center-based and family child care.

For more information: <https://info.childcareaware.org/blog/breaking-down-the-build-back-better-act>

### Child Care and Preschool Provisions in the Build Back Better Act

The proposal would build on existing state and federal preschool programs by providing funding to cover the federal share of the cost of a voluntary, free universal pre-k (UPK) program for all children, regardless of income or other eligibility requirements, in a variety of settings. For more information:

<https://www.ffyf.org/faq-on-the-child-care-and-preschool-provisions-in-the-build-back-better-act/>

### The Right Direction: Mixed Delivery Early Care and Education

Without thoughtful implementation, a proposal for universal Pre-K could derail much of the country's child care system, particularly for infants, toddlers, and their families. Families need access to early care and education that supports their ability to work and their children's healthy development now, more than ever. Policy solutions that support a mixed delivery system—by offering Pre-K in community-based child care programs—can support a robust child care market and ensure families have access to early care and education that works for them. Watch the Video: <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/video/the-right-direction/>

## WCCAA Priorities for 2022 – WCCAA Members are In-the-Know

### The Importance of Investing in the ECE Workforce

A long-term financial investment in the ECE Workforce will help retain staff, many of whom hold degrees (associate and/or bachelor's), leading to lower costs, making care affordable families; stabilize and expand programs; and increase Accessibility to high-quality child care slots for families who desperately need them.

### Regulatory Flexibility

ECE programs across the state are seriously struggling under the far-reaching, and often duplicative, regulations tied to licensing and YoungStar. We need relief. We are pleased that DCF has proposed some changes for YoungStar. We look forward to working with DCF on these changes and advocating for additional relief.

## More Funding for Wisconsin Shares

Effective January 1, 2022, many families will see an increase in the monthly Wisconsin Shares subsidy amount on their MyWICChildCare EBT card. This increase will be reflected in benefits issued after January 1, 2022.

## Mixed Delivery System (School Choice)

A mixed-delivery model is the most effective way to realize the opportunity to appropriately support children, families, and the economy. A mixed-delivery system leverages a combination of public and private funds and utilizes existing infrastructure in licensed center- and family-based childcare programs, public schools, and community-based organizations to maximize access to high-quality, affordable options for all children through age five. Stay tuned.....

## FREE MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!

### With your WCCAA membership you are eligible for a free Ambassador level Membership with National Afterschool Association

The National AfterSchool Association is the voice of the afterschool profession. We are the national membership organization for professionals who work with and on behalf of children and youth during out-of-school time. NAA's mission is to promote development, provide education and encourage advocacy for the out-of-school-time community to further the afterschool profession. We exist to inspire, connect and equip afterschool professionals.

#### A free starter membership provides the following benefits for you:

- Monthly and archived member-only **professional development opportunities and resources** targeted at entry and developing afterschool professionals
- The **NAA Weekly eNews**
- Discounts on **afterschool products and services** offered by NAA Advocate Members  
<https://naaweb.org/register-ambassador/registers>

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<https://www.wccaa.org/about/wcca-sponsorship/>

Explore great resources at **Association for Early Learning Leaders**:  
[https://www.earlylearningleaders.org/page/About\\_ELL](https://www.earlylearningleaders.org/page/About_ELL)

See what's happening with NAA (**National AfterSchool Association**):  
<https://naaweb.org/about-us>



*WCCAA provides members with adequate tools to be successful and efficient leaders in the field of early care and education as well as a foundation of knowledge and strength.*

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