

# Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards

This training is designed for persons serving children birth through kindergarten to develop an understanding of the WMELS and their intended uses. The training activities are intended to help participants develop a better understanding of children and families and to keep the “child at the center” when implementing evidence-based practices.

## Why Attend?

- Comprehensive content including infants and toddlers.
- Explore new ideas for high quality evidence-based practices
- Learn what children need before they enter school
- Free materials
- Interact and connect with peers on issues that matter to you
- Affordable, quality professional development

### Collaborating Organizations:

Family Connections of Southwest Wisconsin  
& CESA #3

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The Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS) describe developmental expectations for children from birth to the beginning of first grade.

## What is YoungStar?

YoungStar sets a five-star rating system for child care providers based on education, learning environment, business practices and the health and well being of children.

For more information about YoungStar, visit:  
<http://def.wisconsin.gov/youngstar>

## How is this training related to YoungStar?

A program can receive credit, optional points, toward their overall YoungStar score, by meeting criteria such as:

- Curriculum aligned with Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards (WMELS)
- Have received full training in WMELS - Teachers can demonstrate they have been trained in DAP techniques

## What if my program won't be a part of YoungStar?

WMELS is a training for anyone interested in quality services for children from birth to six years. WMELS have been nationally recognized as a useful tool to improve practices in early childhood settings. They establish a connection between developmentally appropriate practice (DAP) and early care settings in key areas. Research ties appropriate implementation of developmentally appropriate practice to higher quality child care.



## When and Where?

Saturday, September 21st  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 12th  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wisconsin Bank and Trust  
10 Keystone Pkwy,  
Platteville, WI 53818

Materials & Lunch Provided!!

### Facilitators:

Cathy Smith—Family Connections of  
Southwest Wisconsin

Becca Lewis-Clifton—CESA #3

### Tier 3 Training, 15 Registry Hours!

Participants must attend both full-day sessions to receive credit for the training. Additionally, because this is a Tier 3 training, there will be a homework component to implement information learned during the training.

## Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Fee \$65



To reserve your spot, mail registration form and \$65 check to:

Family Connections  
P.O. Box 647  
Platteville, WI 53818

(Check payable to Family Connections)

Registration Deadline September 18th

For more information call  
(608) 348-2846  
or  
1-800-267-1018