

JULY 2020 Family Badger Buzz

Message from the OCCFR Director



Dear Families,

What unique and uncertain times we live in. This pandemic has presented us with unforeseen challenges. We understand your hardship as you care for your children without the benefit of child care and pursue your studies and careers on campus. It is harder on some than others, but it impacts every one of us. Often in such turbulence, there is a silver lining. In this case, it is the opportunity to create beautiful memories with your family. In the end, those memories might be the only thing your children remember and cherish from this period in history.

We would like to welcome you to our new monthly Parent Newsletter! This is one of our ways to keep UW-Madison parents connected and informed. Please feel free to reach out to us with any content that you would like to see posted. As we navigate this stressful time, be kind and gentle with yourselves. We are here to support you.

We are excited to share that the three UW-Madison Campus Child Care Centers (Eagle's Wing Child Care & Education Program, Waisman Early Childhood Program, Child Development Lab) will be reopening on Monday, June 29th for the summer. We can't wait to have children, families and staff back in our centers!

With love and peace,
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Director of the Office of Child Care and Family Resources

KEEPING PARENTS IN THE LOOP: CHILD CARE UPDATES & INFORMATION



Waitlist For Campus Centers

We regret to inform you that the UW-Madison shared childcare waitlist platform, BumbleBee, has discontinued service. Please contact each center directly for information regarding their waitlist policies and procedures.

Each of the campus children's centers is a unique program with different missions, philosophies, schedules and curriculums. Please visit their websites and/or tour the sites so that you are familiar with the distinctive amenities of each program before applying to their waitlists.

Eagle's Wing

Child Development Lab

Waisman Early Childhood Program

For current UW-Madison students, staff, and faculty, we offer a limited number of free premium care.com memberships to help you find other care options. Please complete this brief survey to see if you qualify: <https://care.occf.wisc.edu>

Please note: The enrollment waiting period for infants and toddlers (6 weeks - 2 years) is *significantly* longer than for older age groups due to higher demand and limited capacity. Please be aware that the chances of infant/toddler enrollment for new UW-affiliated applicants is less than 20% each year. Families not affiliated with UW can expect much longer wait times.



Upcoming Dates To Remember

July 13th - Summer Invoices are available

July 20th - Fall CCTAP application is available

UW Madison Campus Child Care Centers

Get to know our campus child care centers. Click on links to view detailed information. Please feel free to contact centers directly to answer any additional questions you may have.

[Eagle's Wing Child Care](#)

[UW Child Development Lab](#)

[Waisman Early Childhood Program](#)



LET'S HAVE SOME FUN: ACTIVITIES,
CRAFTS & THINGS TO DO

Play-Dough Recipe 3

3 cups water
3 cups flour
½ cup salt
3 tbs. baby oil

3 tbs. cream of tartar
Food coloring (optional)

Mix ingredients in a saucepan until smooth. Cook over low to moderate heat until most of the play dough can stick together. Remove from pan and begin to knead play dough ASAP.
Knead until play dough is pliable, even textured and fun to handle. Store in an airtight container and keep in refrigerator or a cold climate.

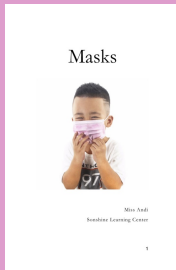


Erikson Institute

The Erikson Institute educates, inspires, and promotes leadership to serve the needs of children and families so that all can achieve optimal educational, social, emotional and physical well-being.

The Erikson Institute's Fussy Baby Network helps families struggling with their infants' crying, sleeping or feeding. Their infant specialists are here to help - not to judge. They take calls from around the world. The call is free. An infant specialist will answer your call Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm CT. After hours, they will respond to your message the next business day. Call (888) 431-2229.

Fussy Baby Network



Special thanks to Andi Wyatt of Wisconsin's Sunshine School for creating a mask book for children. It is a great way to engage kids in conversation about wearing masks.

Click on Masks to read .



Anti-Racism For Kids 101: Starting To Talk About Race - Books For Littles

If a conversation about race with your children makes you anxious, these books about racial diversity will give you an easy place to start.

Books For Littles



No need to hit the road to enjoy these events. Here is an online guide to everything for kids, teens and families. Virtual events, activities, resources, links, etc.

Kids Out And About Milwaukee



Happiness is not something ready made.
It comes from your own actions.
- Dalai Lama



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