INVESTMENTS EXPAND SERVICES!

How **additional funding** is being used by Family Resource Centers (FRCs) and Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs) to expand their base services and maximize benefits.

Additional annual funding approved in last biennial budget by the Joint Committee on Finance:

- \$1 million for FRCs services to support families
- \$1.3 million for CCR&R services to support early care and education

EXPANDED FRC SERVICES

"Triple P" Positive Parenting Program:

- Implementation in an additional 5 agencies
- Reach in an additional 12 counties and 2 tribal nations
- Accreditation of more agency staff to provide evidence based services
- Enhanced data reporting system and new data quality improvement project

FRC Infrastructure:

- 9 "FRCs of Quality" able to sustain activities related to protective factors and parent leadership
- Additional 10 FRCs now beginning the "FRC of Quality" process
- New training opportunities for staff through Wisconsin's FRC Professional Development System



EXPANDED CCR&R SERVICES

Enhanced Child Care Referrals:

- Available openings identified through direct communication with providers on family's behalf
- Real-time vacancy information tracked by referral system and provided to families
- Follow-up with each enhanced referral family to maximize possibility of finding care

High Quality Training for Providers:

- New health and safety trainings offered statewide: Child Care Foundational Courses, CPR with AED, Regulatory Requirements, Abusive Head Trauma, Mandated Reporter
- Qualified staff at each CCR&R agency to teach these new courses

Community Collaboration and Engagement:

- **Participation in community task forces** to ensure the early childhood field is represented in coalitions and grassroots efforts
- **Support for local businesses** to develop policies that respond to employee child care needs
- **Public awareness campaigns** using media and community education to elevate the importance of child care and workforce recruitment
- Strategic planning for child care stabilization through listening sessions, data sharing, and partnerships to secure funding





Early Childhood Workforce Development

- Strengthening pipeline to a career in early childhood education through presentations to high school classes, technical colleges, and universities.
- Building a culturally representative workforce by supporting underrepresented populations to become certified providers
- Offering tailored onsite support and assistance for prospective providers interested in starting child care businesses.
- Facilitating support groups and cohorts for directors, teachers, family child care providers, and friend/neighbor child care providers
- Offering additional resources to newly regulated providers during the first year of business with tailored onsite technical assistance
- **Providing Child Care Business Tool Kits** about starting child care programs and following regulations



Find your local CCR&R and FRC with the interactive map <u>here</u> for more information on provider services near you.

