

# Pathways to Quality Conference & Resource Fair

## Invitation for Exhibitors and Vendors for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual ~ Pathways to Quality Conference

**Date: Saturday, October 5, 2019**

**Time: 7:30 am – 3:00 pm**

**Location: Hilton Milwaukee City Center**

**509 West Wisconsin Avenue**

**Milwaukee, WI 53203**

***Join Us at the 2019 Pathways Conference!***

The Pathways to Quality Conference provides an opportunity to reach child care providers living and working in the Greater Milwaukee area. The conference targets programs participating in YoungStar, Wisconsin's Quality Rating and Improvement System, with attendance of over 400 participants. Access to YOUR products, services, and resources will be valuable for attendees with an additional 30 minute break this year to encourage participants to explore the vendor area!

**Target audience:** Early childhood and out of school care professionals from Milwaukee area programs participating in YoungStar, especially 2 and 3 star programs. Program directors, teachers and caregivers in family and center-based child care programs, Head Start, 4K, and after school/out of school care programs.

**2019 Focus:** This year the conference will focus on providing information on developmentally appropriate practices and environments. Four tracks will be provided to meet the needs of infant/toddler teachers, preschool, school-age teachers, and leadership/professional development. This year, our goal is to provide an additional connection between how your services can specifically meet our participant's needs relating to developmentally appropriate practices and YoungStar criteria.

### **Conference objectives include:**

- Helping providers build a professional network and understand the benefits of advocating for themselves.
- Provide participants with strategies for improving their child care program in each of the YoungStar quality indicator areas: Education, Learning Environment and Curriculum, Business and Professional Practices, and Health and Well-being.
- Providing information and resources that support early childhood programs in building effective relationships with families and the community.
- Provide information and resource that support individual professional development.

This conference is made possible with funding from WI Department of Children and Families.

### **The Conference Planning committee, include representatives of: (\*Lead Agency)**

4C- For Children\*, Black Child Development Institute, La Casa De Esperanza, Malaika Early Learning Center, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Milwaukee Child Care Alliance, Milwaukee Public Schools, Proveedoras Unidas, Supporting Families Together Association, UW-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association

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In submitting this exhibit application, you agree to the following:

- Each exhibitor must reserve enough space to contain the entire exhibit without encroaching on aisle space or other available space.
- Space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to the rights reserved by the PATHWAYS committee, at its sole discretion, to select and assign space as well as rearrange and reassign exhibitors.
- Exhibitor will forfeit any space not occupied. Space may be reassigned by the conference committee.
- The conference committee assumes no responsibility for exhibitor's space, materials, or possessions.
- Early dismantling and removal is not allowed prior to close of exhibitor area.