

April News & Updates *(en Español)*

2024

April is Family Strengthening Month!

- April 5th - **Wear Blue** to show your support ([Learn More](#))
- April 6th - 12th - **Week of the Young Child** ([Learn More](#))
- April 11th - **Family Event at 4-C!** ([Facebook Event Page](#))

Tag 4-C @localchildcareexpert on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)
Use #familystrengthening to join us in celebrating families

4-C in the Community

4-C staff Brianne and Marlo attended the Early Childhood Resource Fair & Wild Rumpus on March 2nd.

Marlo says, "Had a good time yesterday! There were lots of adorable children having a great time playing! Gave out resources to families and made connections for future collaborations. Thank you for coming out Brianne!"

Want to invite 4-C to your event?

Invite Us to Your Event



March 2nd, 2024

4-C at Early Childhood Resource Fair & Wild Rumpus

FREE Family Event!

FREE!

Family Event

Learn about free programming, enjoy crafts, refreshments, & more

Join us for a free Family Event! Learn more about 4-C's free family programming: play groups, Parent Cafés, child care referrals, and more!

Tour our Resource Room and learn how to borrow toy kits & storytime backpacks. Enjoy light refreshments and meet other parents in our community. Thanks to the Verona Lions, free vision screening for kids 5 and younger will be available!

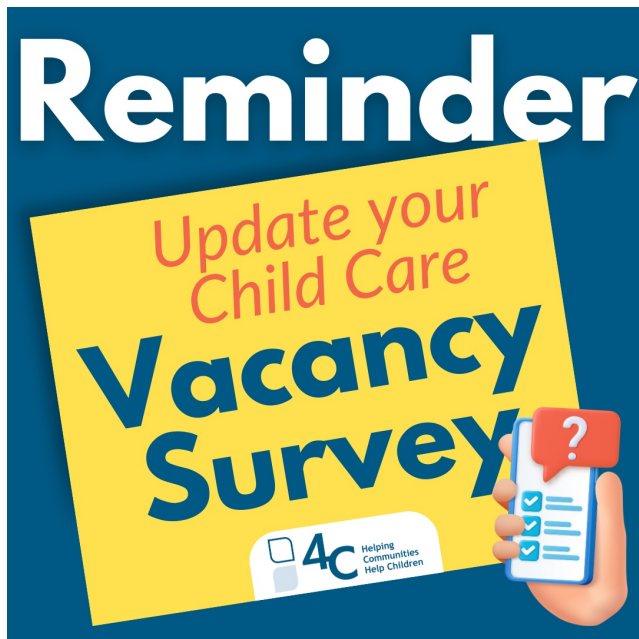
Thursday, April 11th
5pm - 7pm
At 4-C
5 Odana Court, Madison, WI 53719

[Learn More](#)

For Child Care Providers

Attention ALL Child Care Providers!

A Chance to Win Prizes!



Each day you fill out your vacancy survey you'll be entered to win one of these prizes:

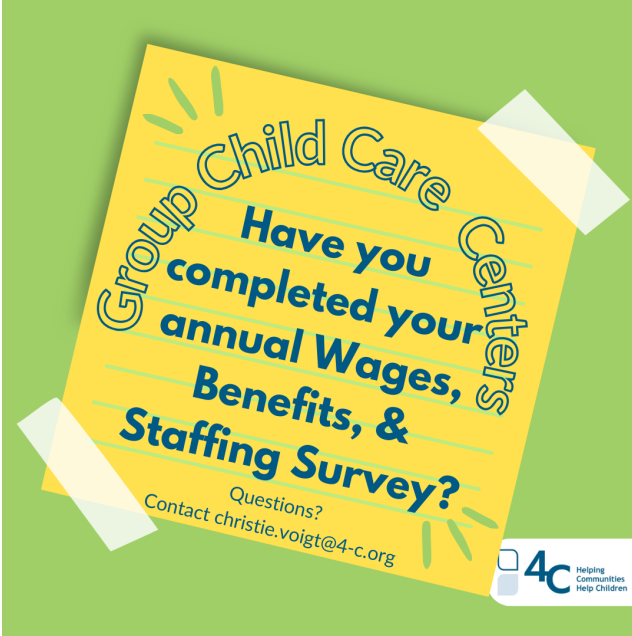
- Monthly: Five lucky winners will each receive a \$25 gift card!
- Every 60 days: One grand prize winner will be awarded a \$150 gift card!

Questions? Contact Christie Voigt at christie.voigt@4-c.org



Did you know?

4-C offers child care regulation services and support through our **Family Child Care Certification** and **Child Care Pre-Licensing** programs.



Attention: Group Child Care Providers

It's time for the annual **Wages, Benefits, & Staffing Survey!**

Complete survey by **May 10th, 2024** and your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of the following prizes:

- 2 \$500 Amazon gift cards
- 2 \$100 Amazon gift cards
- 5 \$50 Amazon gift cards

[Need a New Link?](#)

[Learn More](#)

Child Care Provider Support Groups

Are you looking to connect with other child care providers? Check out our list of support groups!

[Child Care Provider Support Groups](#)

Training Opportunities

4-C offers high quality trainings and career growth to early care and education professionals at various stages of their professional development.

Upcoming trainings include:

- [4/9 - CPR/AED](#)
- [5/9 - CPR/AED](#)
- [5/11 - Strengthening Families through Early Care and Education with Mandated Reporter \(Virtual\)](#)

Inclusion Conference: Supporting Neurodiverse Early Learners

Gain a deeper understanding of how you can support young children with autism, ADHD, Down Syndrome, and other neurodevelopmental diagnoses at this day-long conference full of presentations from 4-C staff, community organizations, and early childhood professionals.

Save the Date!

Supporting Neurodiverse Early Learners

Save the Date
May 18th

A Day-Long Workshop
for early childhood
professionals

4C Helping Communities Help Children

More details coming soon!

Resources:

[Early Childhood Health Consultation](#) - FREE webinars, podcasts, and services

[Child Care Provider Resource Guide](#) from the Department of Children and Families

[Tuesday Talks](#) with DCF's Division of Early Care and Education ([Información en español](#))

[The National Early Care and Education Workforce Center](#) - elevating ECE workforce

For Families



FREE Online Parenting Classes

From the creators of Raising Wisconsin's Children comes a series of free online parenting classes held on the third Thursday of the month at 1pm.

- *April 18th: Teens, Screens, and*



4-C is looking for Parent Volunteers to help us with our family-centered programming.

Learn more through our United Way of

Social Media

- *May 16th: Learning Life Skills Through Household Chores*

[Learn more and Register](#)

Dane County Volunteer Your Time profile, or contact our staff directly.

[Volunteer Your Time](#)

[Contact Us](#)

Parent Café

4-C in partnership with **Imagine That! Art Studio (Waupun)**

Are you a parent interested in talking with others who understand the struggles and triumphs of parenting? Join us for one or all three upcoming Parent Café sessions at Imagine That! Art Studio in Waupun.

April 16th

- Tending to Your Garden: Social Relationships as a Parent

April 23rd

- Nurturing the Seeds to Grow Strong Families

April 30th

- Making Lemonade: Finding Hope in Everyday Struggles

We'll provide FREE child care, dinner, and a safe space to have meaningful conversations about parenting.

[Registration Required](#)

Play Groups!

Playful Acorns & 4-C (Middleton)

- April 4th
- Lakeview Park Shelter 6300 Mendota Avenue Middleton
- [Registration Required](#)

4-C is partnering with Playful Acorns to offer Play Groups for children ages birth - 5 years in communities across Dane County. More events coming soon!

[Register](#)



University Houses Preschool Free Monthly Preschool Playgroups! (Madison)

- April 13th
- *No Registration Needed*

Playgroups are outdoors in nice weather otherwise they are inside. Come along to play, chat, and sing with your little ones. Talk to other families while the kids enjoy the toys and dramatic play area. Bring your friends! Everyone is welcome at this free, fun event. Parents accompany



The Five Strengths

Learn more about the 5 Strengths that research shows benefit every family and explore ways to grow them within your daily life.

Be Intentional:

- Learn about different aspects of the Five Strengths
- Explore and do things that build those Strengths
- Ask yourself regularly how strong you think each family Strength is
- Remember that Strengths ebb and flow as circumstances change
- Talk about the Strengths and share them with others
- Allow trusted friends and family to describe the family Strengths they see
- Encourage others to help you to strategize and stay motivated

[Learn More](#)

Resources:

UW Extension - [Parenting and Family Relationships](#)

[Vroom.org](#) - boost your child's learning with free tips

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families - [Plain Talk for Parents](#)

Upcoming Community Events

4/4 - Play Group - Playful Acorns & 4-C (Middleton)

- Lakeview Park Shelter
- [Registration Required](#)

4/6 - Fort Atkinson Children's Share and Care Fair (Fort Atkinson)

- [Learn More](#)

4/11 - 4-C Family Event (Madison)

- [Learn More](#)

4/13 - UPH Playgroup (Madison)

- University Houses Preschool
- [Learn More](#)

- [Registration](#)

Submit your community event or announcement



Office Hours

Monday	By Appointment
Tuesday	10am-2pm
Wednesday	10am-2pm
Thursday	10am-2pm
Friday	By Appointment
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

Incident Weather Policy: The 4-C office closes when Madison Public Schools are closed for weather-related reasons. 4-C staff will still be available via email and phone.

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Horario

Lunes	Con cita previa
Martes	10am-2pm
Miércoles	10am-2pm
Jueves	10am-2pm
Viernes	Con cita previa
Sábado	Cerrado
Domingo	Cerrado

Política de clima incidente: La oficina de 4-C estará cerrada cuando las escuelas públicas de Madison estén cerradas por razones relacionadas al clima. El personal de 4-C estará disponible a través de correo electrónico y teléfono.

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