

## The Community Visiting 4-C!

Thank you to the over twenty families who attended our **April 11th FREE Family Event!**

A few highlights:

- The Verona Lions performed eleven vision screenings and gave away blue blocker glasses and sunglasses
- We hosted colleagues from DCF, SFTA, and the Prevention Board
- **Spare Time Entertainment** handed out coupons - check out [kidsbowlfree.com](https://kidsbowlfree.com) for a great summer opportunity for kids
- **Demco** generously donated furniture to turn our Board Room into a comfortable play space for children



4-C staff Francelia brought her Introduction to the Child Care Profession students to 4-C where they learned about the Resource Room and our other supports for child care providers.



March 19th, 2024

## Introduction to the Child Care Profession Students at 4-C

Afterward they visited a nearby child care program, [Casa de Corazón](#), and saw real examples of what classrooms set up by ages can look like.

Thank you to [Latino Academy](#) and [Casa de Corazón](#) for partnering with us!

## 4-C in the Community

On April 5th, Bonnie and Marlo attended [YMCA Janesville's Family Fun Night](#).

4-C staff Brianne and Krisia attended the [Fort Atkinson Children's Share and Care Fair](#) on April 6th.

On April 20th, Wanda hosted a 4-C table at [The Sensory Zone's](#) anniversary event.

Amanda, Marlo, and Jan attended the April 27th [GiGi Fit Acceptance Challenge 5k](#), hosted by [GiGi's Playhouse](#).

[Invite Us to Your Event](#)



April 6th, 2024

## 4-C at the Fort Atkinson Children's Share and Care Fair 2024

## Advocacy

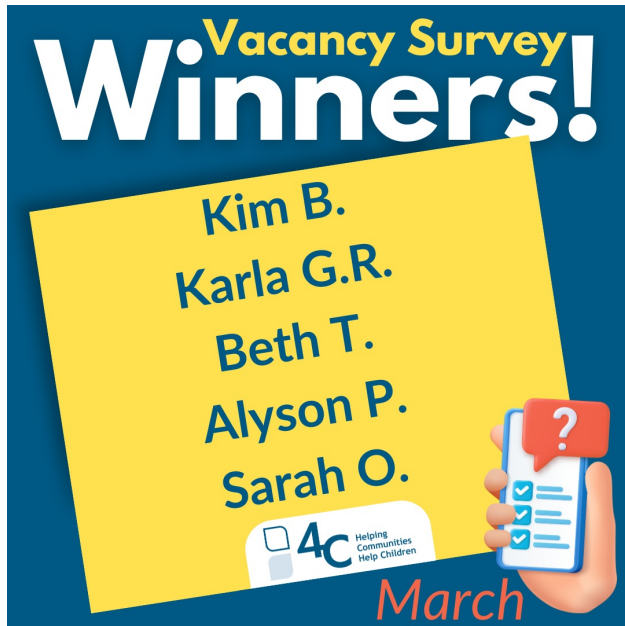
4-C staff Caroline and Marlo attended [Advocacy Day](#) on April 16th, hosted by [SFTA](#), and spoke to state legislators on behalf of child care providers, families, and young children. A special thanks to Representative Dave Considine and staff from Senator Dianne Hesselbein, Senator Melissa Agard, and Senator Latonya Johnson's offices for taking the time to meet with us to discuss the importance of early child care and education!

We're also appreciative of Representative Joy L. Goeben, who took the time to visit 4-C and meet with CCR&R directors from across the state!

# For Child Care Providers

Attention ALL Child Care  
Providers!

*March Vacancy Survey  
Winners!*



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

- **Monthly:** Five lucky winners each receive a \$25 gift card!
- In **April** one grand prize winner will be awarded a \$150 gift card!

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



**Early Childhood Health  
Consultation: FREE Webinar**

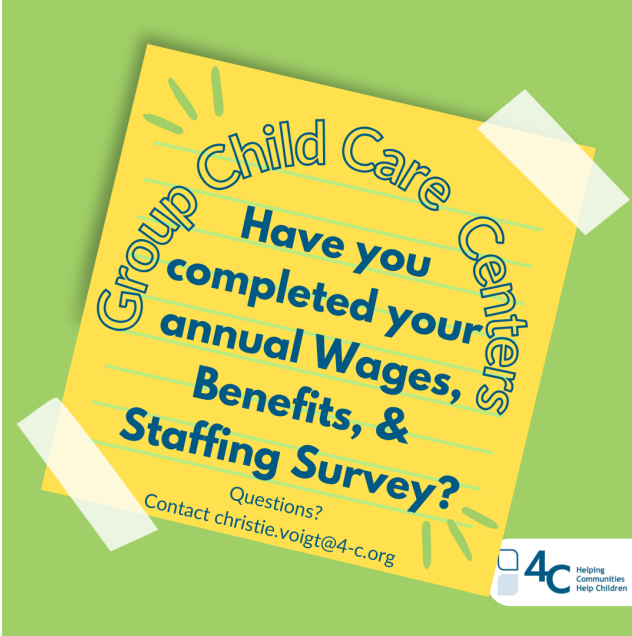
**May 2nd - Put Your Own Oxygen Mask  
on First: Relaxing the Stress for ECE  
Professionals**

[Registration](#)

[Learn More about ECHC](#)



[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](#)

## 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?](#)

## 4-C 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:

- [5/9 - CPR/AED](#)
- [5/11 - Strengthening Families through Early Care and Education with Mandated Reporter \(Virtual\)](#)
- [6/4 - CPR/AED](#)

[Event Calendar](#)

[Sign Up for Training Updates](#)

# INCLUSION CONFERENCE 2024 SUPPORTING NEURODIVERSE EARLY LEARNERS

**Saturday, May 18**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$30

at 4-C, 5 Odana Ct, Madison 53719

*Presented in English with Spanish interpretation available.*

**Register today: [qrco.de/beycVp](https://qrco.de/beycVp)**



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## **Inclusion Conference: Supporting Neurodiverse Early Learners**

**Saturday, May 18th**

Join us for a dynamic one-day conference dedicated to supporting early childhood educators in creating inclusive environments for neurodiverse learners. This conference aims to empower educators with practical strategies, knowledge, and resources to better understand and meet the unique needs of young children who are neurodivergent.

### Conference Agenda:

9:00 a.m. Registration & Light Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Opening Address by Delechia Johnson, 4-C Board Member

10:00 a.m. Gigi's Playhouse – Down syndrome services

11:00 a.m. The Waisman Center – Autism research & best practices

12:30 p.m. Catered Lunch (during lunch there will be a 30 min presentation by Courtney Willegal, owner of The Sensory Zone, on The Senses & Sensory Diets)

1:30 p.m. Dr. Nakia Wiley Ed.D – ADHD supports

3:15 p.m. The WI Registry – The Inclusion Credential

3:45 p.m. Closing remarks by 4-C Staff

### Who Should Attend?

- Family Child Care Providers
- Group Center Staff
- Directors and Administrators



[See Conference Highlights](#)

[Register for the Conference](#)

## Resources:

[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



### UW Extension: Parenting and Family Relationships

- *May 16th: Learning Life Skills Through Household Chores*  
[Learn more and Register](#)

### Focus on Fathers

- *May 14th - Fathers Communicate with Children*
- *June 11th - Relax and Enjoy Fathering*
- *July 9th - Fathers Help Children Handle Emotions*
- *August 13th - Fathers Help Children Make Good Choices*

[Learn more and Register](#)

[UW Extension Website](#)



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

Learn more through our United Way of Dane County Volunteer Your Time profile, or contact our staff directly.

[Volunteer Your Time](#)

[Contact Us](#)

# vroom

## What is Vroom?

Vroom provides science-based tips and tools to inspire families to turn shared, everyday moments into Brain Building Moments.

[Read More](#)

## Upcoming Play and Learn Play Groups

### NEW! 4-C Play and Learn (Madison)

- May 21st from 9:30am - 10:30am
- 4-C (5 Odana Court, Madison, WI 53719)
- [Register](#) for *FREE*

*A new play group opportunity at 4-C!*

### Playful Acorns & 4-C Play Group (Oregon)

- June 6th from 9:30am - 11:00am
- Oregon Public Library
- [Registration Required](#)

4-C is partnering with Playful Acorns to offer Play and Learn play groups for children ages birth - 5 years in communities across Dane County.



**Building Inner Strength**

**Keeping it together – and even growing stronger –  
during times of stress**

Raising a family is stressful, but staying strong and flexible when things get tough can help you guide your family through challenges. Nurturing your own inner strength builds parental resilience.

Parental resilience allows you to manage your feelings, solve problems with a clear head, take care of yourself and shelter your children, even when things are difficult.

[Learn More](#)

## Resources:

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

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