

Village of La Farge

Child Care Need Analysis - 2023



County:
Vernon

City	Zip Code
Cashton	54619
Hillsboro	54634
La Farge	54639

City	Zip Code
Viola	54664
Westby	54667

School Districts: 1

Children age 6 & under: 1179

102

Current child care
capacity
(FCF Calculation)

1243

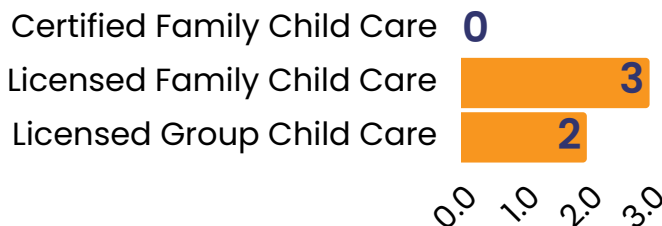
Children under 5 w/ all
parents in the workforce
(FCF Calculation)



1141

Birth to age 5 slots
needed
(FCF Calculation)

Child Care Programs in Selected Communities



Top Industries

**1. Educational Services, Health
Care and Social Assistance**

2. Manufacturing

3. Retail Trade

Wisconsin's Child Care Workforce



83% of workforce has some college
education or college degree

More than **25%** hope to find a new job in next 2
years

\$10.66 Average Child Care Worker Hourly
Wage



More than half rely on some form of
public assistance

VERNON COUNTY DATA



91%
Of Zip Codes are considered
child care deserts



7%
Child Care programs
3-5 Star Rating

\$913

Average Monthly Cost of Care

Data Resources:

[Data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov)

PDG Sandbox (dcf.wisconsin.gov)

FCF Data Calculations

Early Childhood Workforce | Raising

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Dream Up! Core Team Members

Name	Organization
Core Team Lead:	
Frank Quinn	President Village of La Farge
Core Team Members:	
Ashley Palmer	Family and Consumer Science Teacher La Farge Schools
Eric Hartwig	Director of Workplace Organic Valley
Jenny Grainger	Early Education Teacher La Farge Schools
Kim Walker	Village Clerk Treasurer Village of La Farge
Laura Leatherberry	Owner La Farge Daycare
Meghan Gustafson	Superintendent La Farge Schools
Mysti Montgomery	Owner Tiny Turtles Daycare



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Strategic Supply Plan Goals

Over the series of Child Care Strategic Supply Plan meetings throughout the summer of 2023, the Core Team from the Village of La Farge discussed the child care needs and how to address the child care shortage in their community.

The Core Team brought up and discussed the following themes as they relate to child care supply issues in their community.

Access to Care - Community Awareness - Partnerships - Workforce - Compensation

Ultimately the team decided on the following goals:

Goal 1: Network to obtain at least four (4) community partnerships that commit to providing support to a local child care initiative by October 31, 2023; this will help increase access to care and ensure sustainability.

Project Team Members: Meaghan Gustafson and Jenny Grainger

Objective of the Goal: To receive financial and in-kind support from local businesses and organizations to help with the sustainability of existing and new child care centers, in turn helping the local community with access to affordable, local care.

Goal 2: Survey community and gather data about local family child care solutions, gauge interest and engagement in provider capacity. Increase awareness of the child care shortage in the community by collecting specific data to help to access the local opportunities available.

Project Team Members: Meaghan Gustafson Ashley Palmer, Kim Walker, and Jenny Grainger

Objective of the Goal: To have greater engagement by community stakeholders; specific local data regarding child care needs to help broaden awareness and engage the community in supporting their local child care needs.

Goal 3: Complete a 'pre-licensing' walk-through to begin the process of opening a new child care center for the community. This will become the foundation for all processes to follow in the opening of the center.

Project Team Members: Frank Quinn

Objective of the Goal: Have a pre-approved facility for the center, as well as complete small 'follow-ups' to be compliant. The main objective is to begin the process of building and creating a new center that is affordable, sustainable, and accessible.



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