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Youth Firearms Violence Initiative -- Milwaukee, WI

Statement On Rampant Gun Violence In Milwaukee

Americans Have Accepted Fear of Gun Violence as 'Normal'

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Covering Gun Violence As A Public Health Story

The Safer America Network

Rocket Foundation Is Committed To Ending Gun Violence

PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE;

WE REALLY WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Yes, YOU! And while you're at it, please forward this issue to colleagues, peers, friends and any stakeholder who has the interests of youth and child care workers at heart. You'll be doing them a real service.

Next Issue: Copy for the Fall issue is due October 1, 2024 to: Michael Mitchell, propman46@gmail.com (608-846-2860) Madison, WI

From The Editor's Desk:

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Also as seen on Face Book:

I Am Not A Liberal Snowflake...

My feelings aren't fragile. My heart isn't bleeding. I am a badass believer in human rights. My toughness is in my tenderness. My strength is in service to others. There is nothing more fierce than formidable unconditional love. There is not a thing more courageous than compassion. But if my belief in equity, empathy, goodness, and love make me, and others like me snowflakes, then you should know:

WINTER IS COMING!

LOOK WHAT'S WAITING FOR YOU IN THIS EXCITING ISSUE:

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Editor's Comment: While we happily understand if you regard the Badger Buzz like you might a good book, you doesn't have to finish this entire issue in one sitting, as much as you might like to (LOL). We know there's a broad range of CYC information and resources in each issue, which reflects the scope of

professional activities within our field. So, we suggest you take an initial scan of each issue, read what grabs your attention, then come back for a deeper dive later.

We're all very busy. But doesn't real life-long learning and personal professional development deserve more than the usual three-minute attention span and 15-second sound bite, which seems to have become the norm for most of today's social media formatting? We believe you'll be glad you did.

Is there something you'd especially like to read? Text us at (608)846-2860 or email us at propman46@gmail.com and we'll get right on it!

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WANT MORE? Join WACYCP (www.wacycp.org) and get the quarterly Badger Buzz as a benefit! Individual memberships are free.

SAY AND SHARE HERE! Would you like to write for the Badger Buzz? Contact Michael Mitchell at propman46@gmail.com or (608)846-2860 in Madison. **The copy deadline for the fall edition is October 1, 2024.**

Greetings from the WACYCP Board



Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Badger Buzz,

Hello fellow youth workers,

Happy Summer!

We hope you are enjoying the sunshine and great weather here in WI. We know that the summertime can be the busiest time of the year for youth workers- youth are out of school which mean more hours with their youth programs. This is also more opportunities to deepen relationships with the youth we work with- practice relational youth work.

Save the Date- Friday Sept 27th we will be hosting an in-person youth worker event in the Milwaukee area. Details to follow- stay tuned!

Enjoy this copy of the Badger Buzz,

Happy Reading!

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WACYCP President

Child And Youth Care Practitioners (CYCP) Are Now Recognized By The US Dept. Of Labor!

March 18, 2024: With great excitement we would like to announce that Child and Youth Care Practitioners (CYCPs) are now recognized by the US Dept. of Labor as an established profession. Technically defined, DOL's Employment and Training Administration's Office of Apprenticeship (OA) has made this determination. OA is charged with recognizing occupations on a national level. Most of us doing this incredible work with children, youth and families have known for a very long time that we are a profession. This determination just makes it official and a great step forward.

Even though this determination made on March 11, 2024 for our profession, we do have a long history. Starting way back in the 1977, and into the 1980's, researchers, educators, professors, other direct care workers and administrators at all levels knew the significance of Child and Youth Care practice. They got together in Chicago and formed National Organization of Child Care Workers Association known as NOCCWA. In 1998 NOCCWA changes to Association of Child and Youth Care Practice (ACYCP). They then start the North American Certification Project (NACP) 1998. In 1999, International Leadership Coalition for Professional Child and Youth Care Work (ILC), ACYCP, and Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations meet in Milwaukee, WI (Cream City Summit). In 2001 the 1st Draft of our Core Competencies are developed. This later translated to the formation of the Child and Youth Care Certification Board (CYCCB) in 2007.

In 2021 ACYCP had a retreat to review its work, assess new developments and trends, and created goals. To accomplish this latest development as a recognized profession several committees were formed. One being the Professional Development committee. Two of their goals are:

- 1.) Identify strategies to support certification/worker status (e.g., expanding certification, increasing renewals)
- 2.) Developing educational resources to promote professionalization (e.g., attracting workers, clarifying descriptions of roles, developing a clear model of our "different kind of profession".

Many of the original organizers of our profession are still involved to this day, along with many new arrivals, ready to again move us forward to new accomplishments.

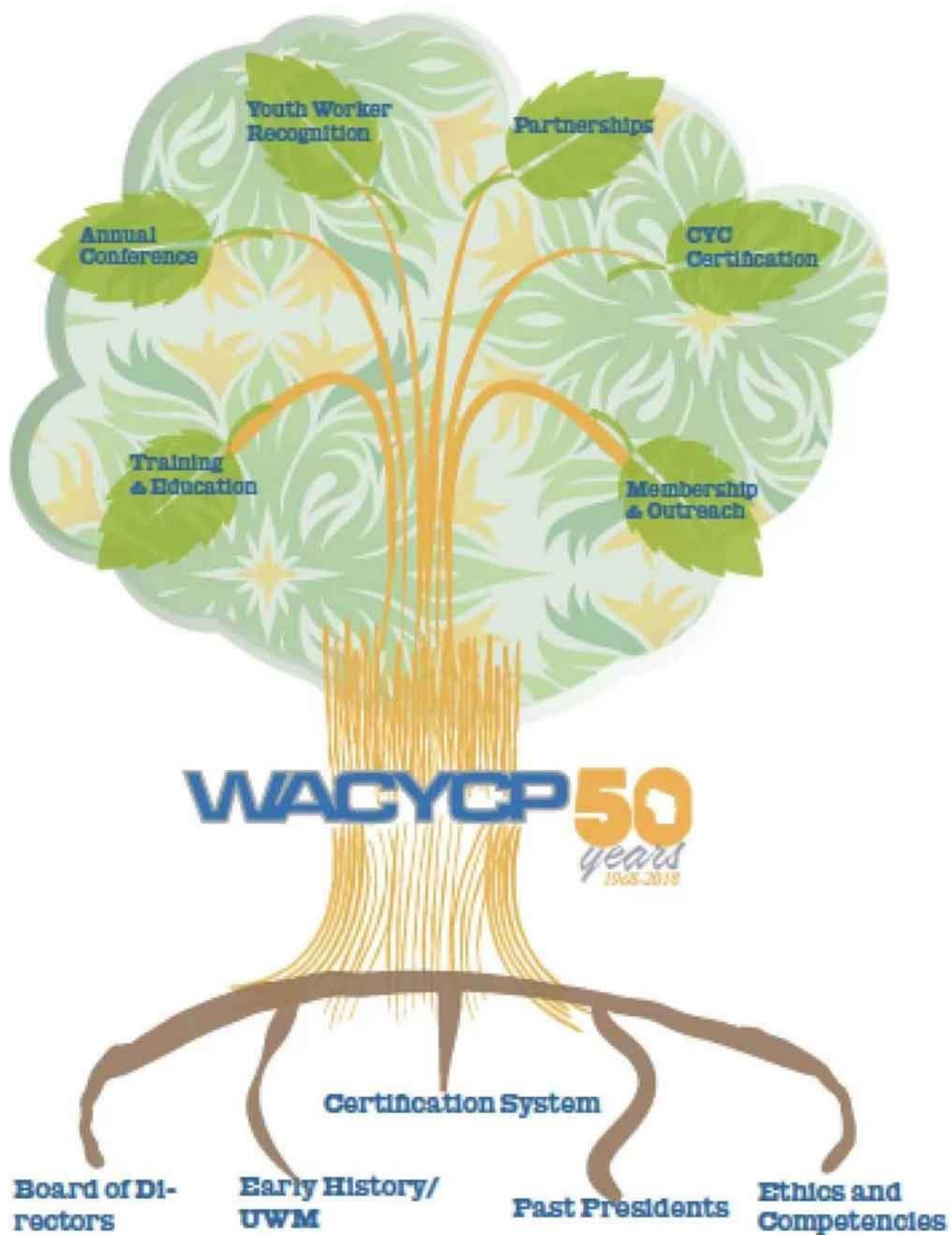
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“Certification has helped me consolidate the many workshops, webinar, trainings and conferences I attend every year into one recognized professional document, without overloading my resume.”---Michael

The Child & Youth Care Certification Board (CYCCB) provides an assessment process and certification to child and youth care practitioners who demonstrate their commitment to high standards of care and commitment to ongoing competence development. The CYC certification program is the most rigorous demonstration of competence in the field.

Steps in the Certification Process: CYCCB uses a multi-method approach to competence demonstration. Certification is awarded to candidates who successfully demonstrate their CYC competence through completion of all the steps listed below:

STEP ONE – CHOOSE LEVEL

Determine which certification level best describes your experience, training/education and level of competence. Choose the highest level at which you qualify. Practitioners can apply at any of the three CYC certification levels: Entry(CYC), Associate (CYC-A), and Professional (CYC-P). It is not necessary to complete certification at a lower level before applying at a higher level. The Entry and Associate Levels are not available in Canada.

STEP TWO – TEST

Schedule and complete testing with a passing score. Practitioners are typically able to pass the situational judgement exam at the highest level for which they qualify.

STEP THREE – COMPLETE APPLICATION

Complete an application form for the level chosen and provide supporting documentation. This includes documenting: 1) minimum requirements of education, experience & training; 2) provision of colleague references & supervisor assessment; 3) proof of membership in a professional association; 4) agreement to abide by ethical standards; and 5) confirmation of eligibility to work with children, youth & families.

STEP FOUR – COMPLETE PORTFOLIO

Complete a written portfolio (professional level only).

STEP FIVE – RENEW CREDENTIAL

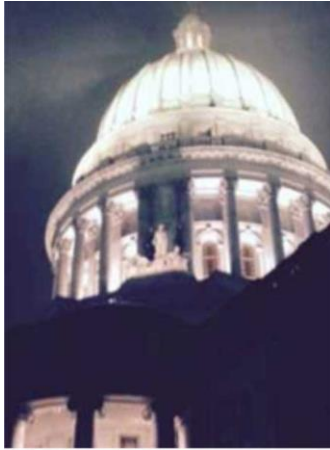
Renew certificate on a two-year cycle.

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Special Announcement

VOTE NO ON AUGUST CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS



Editor's Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to the Shepherd Express Editorial Board, [and] League Of Women Voters Of Wisconsin, and was posted on July 1, 2024. This article does not necessarily reflect the views of the WACYCP Board nor its membership and is strictly the views and opinions of the authors and is reprinted for educational purposes only.]

By Shepherd Express Editorial Board, League Of Women Voters Of Wisconsin

We urge voters to vote no this August on the two constitutional amendments.

Not only are these two statewide ballot questions intentionally confusing, but they will create real harm. The constitutional amendments would impact the process for distributing federal money by adding unnecessary red tape and slowing funds to those in urgent need.

No matter our race, background or zip code, when disasters like tornadoes hit or our communities are in need, Wisconsinites take care of each other. We expect the same from our government. When there is a crisis, we don't have time to wait for the slow-moving legislature to get funds to our fellow Wisconsinites.

It's no secret that Wisconsin's legislature spends more time playing partisan games than acting on the issues Wisconsinites care about the most. In 2020, the Wisconsin State Legislature was one of the least active in the country.

This is a trend in the legislature, which:

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Enjoy!

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Special Guest Feature
THE LEARNING CORNER



A virtual marketplace of professional development for
Child and Youth Care Practitioners.

ACYCP Monthly Webinars Resuming in September

Check below for the line up of webinars beginning in September. All focus on topics relevant to CYC practice including: planning for the future, understanding diverse populations, strengthening relationships, and ethical practice.

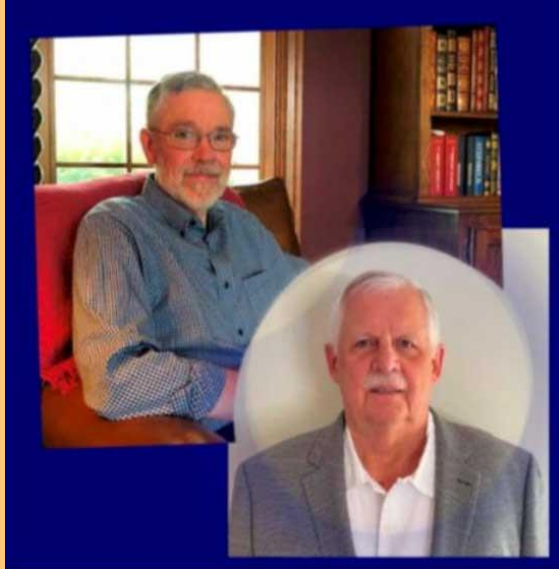
JOIN THE CONVERSATION

CEUs for Live Webinars

Working with our partners at the Indiana University School of Social Work, CYC-Source will be offering no cost CEUs for all LIVE webinars beginning in September. Formal CEUs are not required for CYC Certification renewal but many social workers, professional counsellors, and others need them to receive credit. If this is something you need, we have you covered.

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Future Trends:

Where is CYC Practice Heading & How Do We Prepare for the New Realities

Tom Woll

&

William Martone

October 10

2:00 - 3:30 Eastern

1.5 hours

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Indigenous Youth:

Supporting the Next Seven Generations

Dyan Roy

October 22

2:00 - 3:00 Eastern

1.0 hour

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Behavior Specialist:

*Creating Positive Living
Environments that Address
Difficult Behaviors*



Mind Mapping Matters:

Jessica McKinley

&

Gene Cavaliere

November 7

2:00 - 3:00 Eastern

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Emily Siler

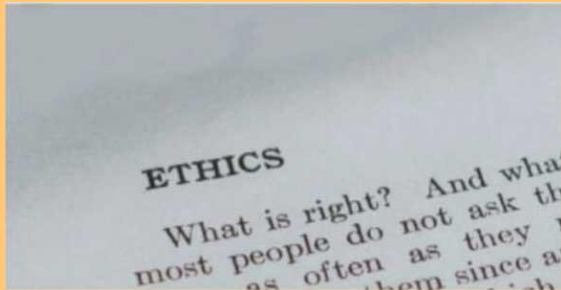
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All My Childhood Heroes:

The Need for Ethical Standards

Chip Bonsutto



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September 24

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[Editor's Note: Interested in seeing your organization, agency, or program profiled in the Badger Buzz? While some organizations may not work directly with youth and children, if you work with fathers, mothers, grandparents and/or families, then you do work indirectly with this young population. Contact Michael Mitchell; (608)846-2860, propman46@gmail.com; Madison, WI.]

Illustration: The Road Home Of Dane County

It's a Guy Thing
STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION TOWARDS MEN
SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH REMAIN BARRIERS
TO GETTING TREATMENT



[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to the author and IRIE-FM and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and was posted on their website June 28, 2024. This feature has serious ramifications for issues of domestic violence, child abuse, early death, substance abuse, and a host of other direct and indirect manifestations.]

Stigma and discrimination towards men suffering from mental health issues, remain barriers to getting treatment.

The matter was highlighted during a twitter forum hosted by the Bellevue Hospital evening.

The forum was held under the theme, "Men and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, in recognition of Thursday's observance of PTSD awareness day.

Among the panelists was clinical psychologist Marlon Simpson, who noted that men with mental health problems have a great fear about feeling weak.

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BONUS FEATURES

[Silent Men Film Asks Why So Many Still Struggle To Open Up](#)

[Resilience In Fatherhood: Exploring The Impact Of Absent Fathers On Black American Men's Parenting Narratives And Practices](#)

[Exploring the Link Between Testosterone Levels and Masculinity](#)

[Boys And Men Are Experiencing A 'Crisis Of Connection,' Expert Says](#)

["Saying, Not Saying" Campaign](#)

There's even a name for time intentionally spent in nature—forest bathing.

“Forest bathing has been shown to benefit the nervous system, heart rate, and blood pressure, and those things touch a lot of other medical issues,” says Rosanne Sheinberg, a cardiothoracic anesthesiologist who has prescribed time in nature to her patients. “Our mental health affects every aspect of our life and immune system.”

WHAT IS FOREST BATHING?

Rooted in Japanese culture, where it's called shinrin-yoku, forest bathing refers to taking in the forest atmosphere. The focus is not on exercise but rather on connecting with nature through the senses. Instead of setting out on a trail run, it's walking slowly, taking in your surroundings, breathing in the dewy air. Can you smell the pine trees? Hear the leaves rustling in the wind and the birds chirping overhead? What does it feel like to touch the bark or a mushroom growing on a tree?

In 1982, Japan launched a national program to encourage forest bathing as a way to reduce burnout and promote a connection with nature. In recent years, the practice has exploded in popularity throughout the world.

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BONUS FEATURES

[13 Solutions to Common \[ADHD\] Productivity Problems](#)

[Thinking About Getting A Tattoo? New Research Might Change Your Mind](#)

[Finland Is Offering Farmworkers Bird Flu Shots. Some Experts Say the US Should, Too](#)

[Why Covid Is Surging This Summer](#)

[A Visual Guide to ADHD in Adults \[See display ad below\]](#)

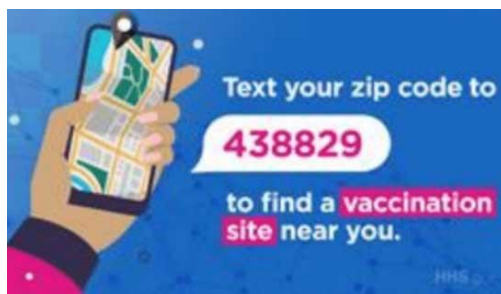
[A Study Found Toxic Metals In Popular Tampon Brands](#)

[Pain Doesn't Belong on a Scale of Zero to 10](#)

[How to Calm Down Quickly](#)

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[Editor's Note: ALSO...Everyone age 6 months and older is eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost [THIS PROGRAM EXPIRES SOON!]. Remember, if you or a loved one are unvaccinated, you're at higher risk of getting seriously ill from the virus and spreading it to others. Although this editor was vaccinated and boosted, I still contracted COVID in the hospital while undergoing an elective procedure! Be aware with self care!]



[What to Know About the Current Summer COVID Wave](#)

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There are still more people dying from COVID than the flu every week!

[Free COVID-19 Testing Kits](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Coaching for Supervisors & Leaders

ACYCP Monthly Webinars Pausing

We are pausing the ACYCP webinar program until June so we can get additional social media, relevant content, and marketing in place. Stay tuned for the return of the program.

The following live webinars are coming soon:

Mind Mapping

Aggression Replacement Training

Making Training Meaningful

Indigenous Youth: Supporting the Next Seven Generations

Exploring the 2022 Ethics Code Revisions

Future Trends: Where is CYC Practice Heading & How Do We Prepare for the New Realities?

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HELP APPLYING FOR CERTIFICATION

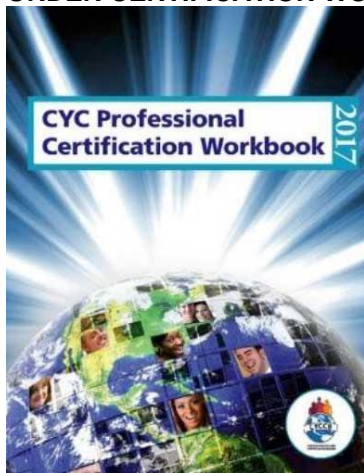


CERTIFICATION HELP WEBINARS

CYCCB offers monthly webinar-based Certification Help. If you have questions about how to get started or need help completing your certification application, references, documenting your training and experience, or finishing your portfolio, [sign up for one of our webinars](#).

If you need immediate help, call the CYC Office (979) 764-7306 or email CYCcertification@YouthWorkAcademy.org or visit the website at www.CYCCB.org

ORDER CERTIFICATION WORKBOOK



Whether you are preparing for testing, completing an application, or simply exploring how to improve your CYC knowledge and skills, this workbook is designed for you. The workbook is available for \$30 (shipping cost included).

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**“If the only tool you have in your toolkit is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail.”—
Abraham Maslow**

GET TESTED



VIRTUAL CERTIFICATION TESTING

Learn about the in-person and virtual testing programs

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From The Business Side Of CYC U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION CONVENE PRIVATE SECTOR, NON-PROFIT AND PHILANTHROPIC LEADERS FOR FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND NATIONAL CHILD CARE INNOVATION SUMMIT



[Editor’s Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to the United States Department of Commerce and was posted June 27, 2024. A special note of thanks to Gene Cavaliere, ACYCP Board Delegate for bringing this to our attention.]

The U.S. Department of Commerce co-hosted, with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, a first-of-its-kind National Child Care Innovation Summit. The event brought together hundreds of key public and private-sector stakeholders from more than 40 states to discuss the vital role of child care as economic infrastructure and work towards accessible, affordable, and high-quality child care. The program highlighted and explored child care solutions during a series of panels, including creative care models and policies, emerging employer approaches, and public-private partnerships that can help address the child care crisis.

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BONUS FEATURES

[Workplace Strategies for Professionals with ADHD](#)

[Youth Residential Treatment Facilities: Examining Failures and Evaluating Solutions](#)

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[What to Do When Your Grant Proposal Is Denied](#)

[Why Age Diversity Is a Strength at Work](#)

Enjoy!

Wisconsin in the Spotlight
BUILDING A BETTER WISCONSIN: INVESTING IN THE
HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF WISCONSINITES



[Editor’s Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Office of Health Equity and was published January 30, 2021..]

In March 2019 Governor Tony Evers established the Governor’s Health Equity Council, by issuing Executive Order 17 and charging the Council with developing a comprehensive plan designed to improve “all determinants of health including access to quality health care, economic and social factors, racial disparities, and the physical environments” and “address health disparities in populations based on race, economic status, educational level, history of incarceration and geographic location” by 2030. At the time that the Governor’s Health Equity Council was established, none of us could have predicted just how drastically the world would change in ways that would bring new attention and awareness to preexisting and emerging health disparities, along with a renewed sense of urgency to not only combat these health disparities, but also address the conditions which produce them. The newly appointed members of the Governor’s Health Equity Council, originally 34 members strong, first met as a formal body virtually on September 30, 2020, where the council, under the leadership of Chairwoman Gina Green-Harris, began to set a course to establish this body of work. In July 2021, Dr. Michelle Robinson was appointed Vice-Chairwoman of the Council, providing additional strategic and operational leadership as the Council transitioned to a subcommittee structure, better enabling discussion and development of the solutions outlined in this plan.

Health equity, as the Governor’s Health Equity Council defines it, means “that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible,” (Braveman et al., 2017). The Governor’s Health Equity Council– which is composed of a racially and ethnically, geographically, and professionally diverse set of health and health equity subject matter experts – recognized that despite the tremendous and disparate impacts that once-novel COVID-19 pandemic had on our collective well-being and longevity, these outcomes were the results of preexisting gaps in access to critically important resources such as good paying jobs, safe and quality education and housing, social and community supports, access to health care, and clean water and air. Even more, the Governor’s Health Equity Council recognized that these gaps were experienced unevenly based on where you resided, how much income and wealth you have access to, or your racial or ethnic background; therefore, improving our state’s health and well-being requires addressing the obstacles impairing our overall health, as well as those producing disparate health outcomes. For that reason, the Governor’s Health Equity Council chose to center its recommendations on addressing upstream drivers of health, focusing on three core types of factors: economic, social and the physical environment.

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BONUS FEATURE

[Level 5 Exceptional Treatment Foster Home: Guide to Certification and Placement. February 2024](#)

[Child Protective Services Access & Initial Assessment Standards. June 2024.](#)

[Suicide Prevention Activity Report](#)

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Getting Off The Sidelines IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO INVEST IN WACYCP



Did you know that WACYCP is an all-volunteer 501(c) (4) tax exempt organization?

Every year those associated with WACYCP **donate hundreds of hours in service to the organization**, to benefit the Wisconsin child and youth care professionals, which it serves. Many also dig down into their own pockets to cover travel expenses, accommodations and other expenditures needed to complete strategic tasks, in service to our vision and mission.

In addition, there are the scholarships and awards, which WACYCP bestows annually to deserving recipients within WACYCP and across the Wisconsin profession at large. In trying to return maximum quality to our members, we try to keep agency dues as low as possible, while keeping membership value high.

We also need to contract with commercial services to help us with those technical and specialized skills, which we're unable to cover with our volunteer resources. Database management, website design and

hosting, on-line publication distribution, and membership dues to allied organizations, are just a few of these many expenditures. This leaves little left over to cover daily operating costs or special projects.

That's where you can help us carry the financial load.

Please donate to WACYCP today!

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**We Are Family
INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE ABUSED AS CHILDREN TEND
TO HAVE WORSE MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS AS ADULTS**



[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted thanks to PsyPost [new resource] and Wisconsin Department of Health Services and was posted July 18, 2024.]

A study of Israeli Arabs found that individuals who reported higher levels of physical abuse in childhood tend to experience poorer marriage quality as adults. These individuals also reported higher levels of psychological distress and were more likely to exhibit insecure attachment styles. The study, published in the Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, highlights the long-term impacts of childhood maltreatment on adult relationships.

Childhood maltreatment includes various forms of abuse and neglect that children may experience. This encompasses physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, as well as neglect and exposure to domestic violence. Physical abuse involves the use of force that can cause injury, pain, or impairment. Emotional abuse consists of behaviors that harm a child's self-worth or emotional health, such as verbal abuse, manipulation, and rejection.

Sexual abuse involves any sexual activity with a child, including molestation, rape, and exploitation. Neglect refers to the failure to meet a child's basic needs, including food, shelter, medical care, education, and emotional support. Exposure to domestic violence occurs when a child witnesses violence between caregivers.

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BONUS FEATURE

[Infants Use Mom's Scent to Recognize Faces](#)

[Healthy Prenatal Diet Linked to Lower Autism Risk](#)

[White Noise for Babies: Sleep Aid or Potential Hazard?](#)

[Setting Healthy Boundaries in a Co-Parenting Relationship](#)

[8 Things Every Child Needs to Hear From Their Father](#)

[HRSA Announces \\$15 Million in New Investments to Address Maternal Health Needs and Disparities in Rural Communities](#)

[Talking with Teens about Sex, Dating, and Relationships: A Guide for Parents & Caregivers](#)

[Inmate Phone Call Costs Slashed By U.S. Agency](#)

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From Classroom to Career **COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE - TRAUMA AND STRESS IN EDUCATION [FREE WEBINAR]**



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Come and join this drop-in community of practice group that will meet virtually throughout the school year. We will discuss current effective strategies and practices to support mental health and well being in students, staff, and parents/caregivers through a trauma sensitive lens. Have an opportunity to network with other educators who are doing this work. Please bring resources to share, discussion topics, questions, and challenges to this informal virtual group.

Tuesday, November 12 · 3:45 - 4:45pm CST- Online

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BONUS FEATURES

[Many Parents Don't Know What Chronic Absenteeism Is](#)

[Maryland DPSCS Pioneers A Historic Partnership](#)

[Supporting the School Readiness and Success of Young African American Boys Project: Reflections on a Culturally Responsive Strength-Based Approach](#)

[Stop Bullying on the Spot](#)

[Parents Of Disabled Students Wait For Help](#)

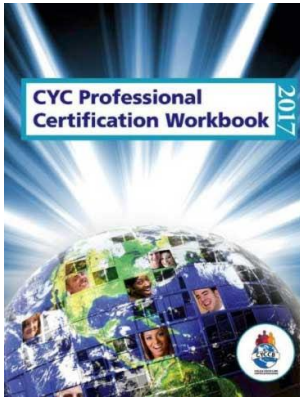
[How FAFSA Delays Are Impacting Milwaukee's Most Vulnerable Students](#)

[We Asked Young Conservatives About Higher Education](#)

Enjoy! ◇

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CYC PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION WORKBOOK : GET IT NOW AND COMPLETE THAT CERTIFICATION TODAY!



CYCCB is pleased to announce that the long awaited **CYC Professional Certification Workbook** is now available. The workbook is designed to help child and youth work practitioners prepare and apply for professional certification (CYC-P) offered by the Child & Youth Care Certification Board.

It provides a wealth of information in an easy-to-use format. It includes information on the history of the CYC certification effort, characteristics of certified practitioners, the testing and application process, forms, costs, and sources for a wide variety of articles, publications, and professional development supports useful to CYC practitioners working in any setting. The sections on test preparation and the professional portfolio offer sample exam questions and portfolio responses. Information about the Entry, Associate, and Professional level certifications is included.

The workbook is in response to the need for a one-stop source of information that addresses applicant questions and needs. Whether you are preparing for testing, completing an application, or simply exploring how to improve your CYC knowledge and skills, this workbook is designed for you. The workbook is constructed with tabbed sections to make it easy to find answers for whatever certification related questions you might have.

The workbook is available from CYCCB for \$30 (which includes shipping costs).

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[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to the Capital Times and Child Welfare In The News and: was posted July 15, 2024.]

Over the past few decades, our country has seen the opioid epidemic explode and ravage its way through every state, including Wisconsin. Many of us have personally been impacted by it or know someone who has been. According to the State Health Access Data Assistance Center, the annual number of overdose deaths from any kind of drug in the U.S. since 2000 has multiplied nearly six times over, involving hundreds of thousands of

deaths in the last two decades. The vast majority involved some sort of opioid, like heroin, prescription painkillers, and more recently fentanyl. In Wisconsin alone, overdose deaths increased 11-fold between 2000-2020, including more than 1,200 deaths in the year 2020. Wisconsin Sen. Tammy Baldwin has been fighting hard in Washington for years to seek justice for families of victims by targeting bad actors like McKinsey & Company, which provided consulting services for pharmaceutical companies like Purdue Pharma. Baldwin knows what it is like to see a loved one suffer as she has been open about the struggles her mother faced with opioid addiction.

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As the Twig is Bent ADOLESCENT BOYS SHOW AGGRESSION WHEN MASCULINITY IS THREATENED



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[Editor’s Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to Neuroscience News and was posted July 17, 2024.]

Summary: A new study reveals that adolescent boys respond aggressively to perceived threats to their masculinity, particularly in environments with rigid gender norms.

Researchers found that boys whose motivation to be masculine is socially pressured are more likely to exhibit aggression. This behavior, rooted in adolescence, highlights the impact of social pressure on gender conformity.

The findings call for addressing restrictive norms to prevent harmful behaviors associated with threatened masculinity.

Key Facts:

1. **Social Pressure:** Boys with socially pressured masculinity show higher aggression when their masculinity is threatened.
2. **Puberty Impact:** Aggression in response to masculinity threats is observed in mid-to-late pubescent boys.
3. **Parental Influence:** Boys with parents endorsing stereotypical gender beliefs are more likely to exhibit aggression.

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On Tuesday, July 16, HHS Deputy Secretary Andrea Palm and HRSA Administrator Carole Johnson announced the first-ever Licensure Portability Grant Program investment in a multi-state social worker licensure compact at HRSA's National Telehealth Conference. State licensure compacts allow states to come together on a common approach to licensing health care providers, allowing providers to practice across state lines without having to apply for a license in each state. Streamlining licensure while maintaining quality standards improves access to services both by better facilitating hiring and by easing pathways to utilizing telehealth.

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The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline has expanded services and continued to answer millions of calls, texts, and chats from people experiencing mental health or substance use crises since its launch on July 16, 2022, the agency heads for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today. HHS has invested nearly \$1.5 billion into 988 as part of the Biden-Harris Administration's comprehensive strategy to address the nation's mental health and substance use crises.

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OASH ANNOUNCES TRIBAL CONSULTATION ON THE SYPHILIS AND CONGENITAL SYPHILIS OUTBREAK



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The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) will hold a Tribal consultation on August 5 to discuss the syphilis and congenital syphilis outbreak impacting Indian country. OASH is soliciting feedback and recommendations from Tribal leaders and Tribal health professionals about actions HHS can take to support Tribal efforts to reduce the number of syphilis and congenital syphilis cases among American Indian and Alaska Native populations. The consultation will also discuss the work of the National Syphilis and Congenital Syphilis Syndemic Federal Task Force, a cross-agency collaborative effort that includes the participation of HHS, the Indian Health Service, and other Departments and offices.

The virtual consultation will take place on August 5 from 1:00 - 2:30pm ET and requires prior registration via Zoom (accessible here). OASH invites Tribal comment broadly and, to facilitate discussion, has prepared a series of questions for specific feedback. Please see this Dear Tribal Leader Letter for full details.

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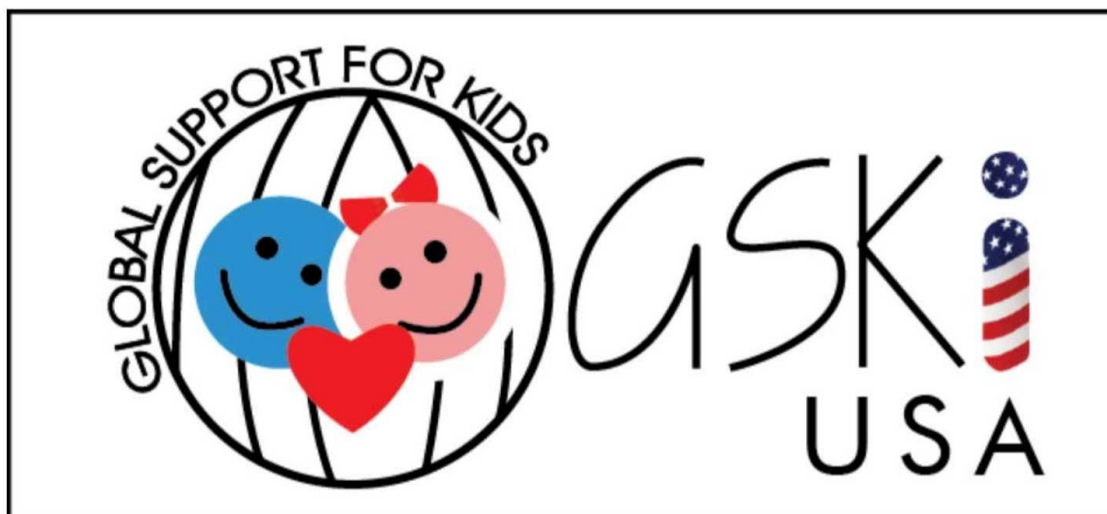
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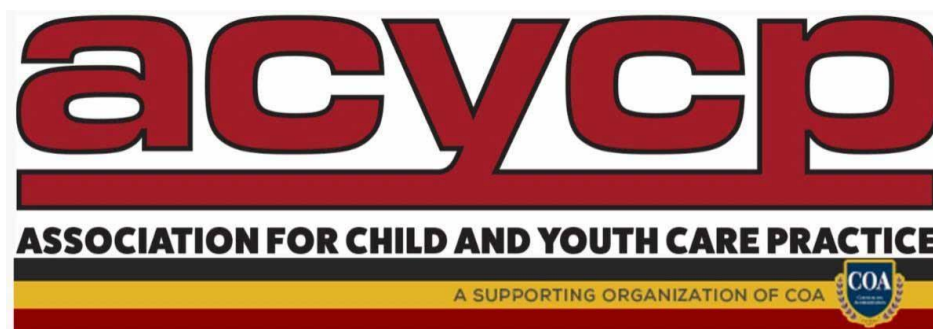
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