Clearwater County: Early Learning in Child Care by the Numbers

Parent Aware

Parent Aware is Minnesota's statewide quality ratings and improvement system for early learning programs, providing information to parents on what program is best for their family. Initially launched in targeted counties in 2012, Parent Aware brings the same measure of quality to all early learning programs including Head Start, center and home-based child care, public and private programs.

- Clearwater County became eligible for Parent Aware in 2012
- There are 19 Licensed Family Child Care programs and 1 Child Care Center in the county
- 2 Licensed Family Child Care providers are participating in Parent Aware and 1 has achieved a 3 or 4 star rating
- 1 Child Care Center is participating in Parent Aware and has achieved a 3 or 4 star Parent Aware rating

Early Learning Scholarships

Early Learning Scholarships allow eligible families to find the high quality early learning program that best meets their needs. The most recent evaluation of Early Learning Scholarships shows they are helping the most in-need families send their children to high quality programs of all types and improving early development across the board.

- Less than 10 children receiving Pathway 1 Early Learning Scholarships as compared with 80 in the Region
- 19 children receiving Pathway 2 Early Learning Scholarships as compared with 118 in the Region

Child Care Assistance Program

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) is an essential pillar of early childhood assistance for thousands of Minnesota families. It provides financial assistance to families who meet income eligibility and participation requirements, allowing parents to work or go to school while their children get the start they need in life.

- 31 children receiving CCAP, 23% of which are in Parent Aware Rated programs

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