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## Winona County

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Winona County completed the Rural Child Care Innovation Program in July 2021. The community set 3 main goals through the RCCIP process. Two of those goals were short term and the third is a long-term goal. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, these three goals were put on hold for a portion of time in order to make sure the existing supply of child care had their immediate needs met and were supported.

#### **Goal 1: Support existing providers and provide resources as needed**

Throughout the pandemic the group has organized information for providers regarding available online trainings, organized a fall conference, was a host site for free PPE related to the pandemic and is beginning to offer in person trainings again this summer.

#### **Goal 2: Identify space and funding for start-up and/or expansion of child care**

This goal was put on hold through the pandemic. As things begin to open up the goal is to work with local businesses and community members to assist with new start up.

#### **Goal 3: Create a "one stop shop" for parents, providers & partners to access and distribute resources around child care.**

To date, an online database has been established with Winona County DHS and Livewell Winona where families can see child care openings in the community. Providers are able to update the status monthly. Additional work on this goal will continue into the future as the community recovers from the pandemic.