



EDUCATION

Early Years

GOAL: CHILDREN ARE READY TO LEARN BY THE START OF SCHOOL.

SUCCESS STORY: Mr. and Mrs. Khang have been successfully operating Khang Family Child Care Center since 1999. While there are several Hmong family child care programs in Marathon County, Khang Family Child Care is the only regulated Hmong speaking family child care program in Wood County. Also, the Khangs have worked diligently to maintain a 3-star YoungStar rating – an incredible accomplishment! Over the years, they have attended a number of trainings/classes and have taken advantage of a number of grant opportunities and special projects offered through Childcaring. Licensed family child care providers are required to complete a minimum of 15 hours of continuing education annually. At Childcaring, we are fortunate to employ Kao Xiong, a bilingual early childhood consultant, who has offered individual consultation and group trainings to the providers who speak Hmong both onsite and offsite. The most recent training facilitated by Kao and attended by Xong Khang was Healthy Bites: Nutrition for Infants. Healthy Bites was created to encourage and empower child care professionals to address overall childhood health by improving nutrition practices in your programs. This free training helped support and promote breastfeeding, and improve the quality of meals and snacks served by including foods recommended for proper growth. Learning Objectives included being able to identify: the best beverage choices for children to keep them hydrated and healthy; activities to support and promote breastfeeding; techniques to prevent choking and food allergies; ways to inform parents on the best choices for infant foods, beverages; and how to make and encourage good choices at home. Participants also received infant nutrition kits filled with hands-on activities and equipment to help support healthy eating practices for infants. Trainings like Healthy Bites help to support our area child care providers and promote high quality child care. When offered in a provider's preferred language, training opportunities become supportive and inclusive learning experiences.

\$8,000
INVESTED IN
PARTNER
PROGRAMS
IN 2022


LOCAL RESULTS:



6,961
books were mailed to children in south Wood County through Women United and Dolly Parton Imagination Library in 2021.

Volunteers read to children 33 times at Great Book Giveaway events in 2022.

Volunteer Impact



over
880 Books
were provided to more than 130 children during the Great Book Giveaway event in 2022.

Outreach & Events
54 people received training on 13 different topics relating to child care and education in 2021.



43
local childcare providers received assistance to enhance their services improving the quality of care in our community in 2021.

