



# Feedback From Rated Child Care Providers

**In February 2019, Child Care Aware of Minnesota offered Rated Parent Aware providers the opportunity to share their experiences with Parent Aware through an on-line survey. Here are some of their responses:**

The Parent Aware program has been a very positive experience for myself and my childcare program. I have really appreciated the education, training resources, and grant money to continue to improve my program. One thing I purchased with the grant money (that I probably wouldn't have had it not been for the program) was a curriculum. This has been a wonderful tool to use in helping my children prepare for kindergarten while at the same time, saving me precious family time in the evenings.

– Family Child Care Owner, Hawley

The parent aware coach I had was fantastic. She was so helpful, knowledgeable, and kind. It was a great experience to learn and add new things to my Daycare through this experience. I feel that this experience has helped me become a better Daycare Provider.

– Family Child Care Owner, Olivia

The skills that I have learned from my coach have been priceless. My coach has been extremely helpful and knowledgeable in all things child care. From teaching me how to implement a daily routine, to dealing with behavior issues, to teaching me what language to use with both the children and their parents, providing me with fun activities, to showing me all of the different resources available to providers. It has all supported me in my quest to make my child care a positive, enriching place.

– Family Child Care Owner, Blaine

I love being able to have the support we need for each different situation we may have with the children we care for, and for all the different activities and ideas we receive to help teach the children. Getting to know my coach and her support and guidance has been so beneficial for my program and my continuing professional development. It has provided motivation and rewards for my program and myself.

– Family Child Care Owner, Tyler

The Parent Aware staff are very professional. I am so glad that I decided to work with them to enhance the work that I do with children. They offer a lot of valuable resources for providers and parents.

– Family Child Care Owner, Marshall

My Parent Aware experience has rekindled my love for this line of work. I'm much more interested in child development and bettering my child care setting.

– Family Child Care Owner, Windom

Parent Aware has been a great program for me the past year. My coach has been a great resource as well as the other providers who are part of their program. Parent Aware has helped me become a better provider to the kids and parents. They have helped me to incorporate more school readiness procedures. Thank you to the whole staff for your friendly, helpful assistance!!

– Family Child Care Owner, Mendota Heights

Parent Aware has renewed me. I have been providing care for 25 years and I can't say enough good things about what Parent Aware has done for me. I feel that I am a much better provider and have learned so much from my coach and classes I have taken. I would not be where I am today if Parent Aware had not come along.

– Family Child Care Owner, Lakeville/Farmington

Parent Aware has so many tools and resources to help me make positive changes to my program. The children in my program have benefited from my participation and my clients are pleased with all the positive changes that I have made in my program.

– Family Child Care Owner, Eagan

Parent Aware has made me grow as a provider. Enjoy the connection that I have with other providers and my coach. She is there for support and guidance. The continuing education is great for learning new ideas. Parent Aware allows us to educate our children and get them prepared and ready for kindergarten in a home environment where they have always felt comfortable. I have been able to improve my environment due to grant support, another positive impact for my program and my families. I am thankful for the opportunity to be part of Parent Aware.

– Family Child Care Owner, Burnsville

We are a very small center in a rural area. Parent aware is actually building us from a "baby-sitter" type program to a wonderful program, both with the training and financial support. We would not have come this far without it.

– Child Care Center Director, St. Francis

We have learned so much from our coaches, from classroom management to choosing the right curriculum. They have helped us reach a 3-star rating. Because of this rating, multiple families are receiving the benefit and have told us they can "finally live a little" because of the scholarships and higher CCAP rates.

– Child Care Center Director, Marshall