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Introducing Our High-Quality 4K Program — Limited Spots Available

We are excited to announce that our center will be offering a **high-quality 4K program** as part of Wisconsin's *Get Kids Ready* school readiness initiative. Beginning this year, families can enroll their 4-year-olds in a program that is **developmentally appropriate, high-quality, maintains small class sizes, and designed around early childhood best practices.**

Why Choose *Our* 4K

★ 1. Small Class Size — More one on one instruction

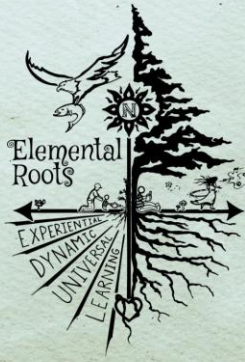
- More individual attention
- Stronger relationships
- Calm, predictable learning environment
- More Outdoor time

★ 2. Minimal Transitions

- Children stay with the same consistent educators
- Reduced stress and smoother routines
- More time engaged in meaningful learning

★ 3. WMELS-Aligned Curriculum ([Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards](#))

- We use a curriculum specifically aligned with WMELS to support whole-child development
- Focus on early literacy, math, social / emotional skills, problem solving, and hands-on learning
- Assessment aligned with WMELS Developmental Continuum | quarterly evaluations in a play-based format conducted in each term.



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★ 4. Oversight from NAEYC Standards

- We follow NAEYC's nationally recognized quality standards — the gold standard in early childhood
- Ensures high-quality environments, safety, teacher qualifications, and developmentally appropriate practice
- Public school 4K does *not* have NAEYC oversight/ just a Board oversight to develop standards

★ 5. No Bus Rides — Your Child Stays Safely On-Site

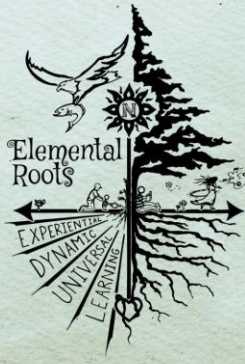
- Smooth drop-off and pick-up/ wrap around care offered
- No long bus routes or transportation stress
- Families stay more connected with daily school life | with daily communication and in person connections with teachers

★ 6. Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP)

- Learning through play
- Hands-on activities
- Social-emotional skill building
- Designed specifically for 4-year-olds (not pushed-down academics)

★ 7. A Warm, Community-Based Setting

- Family communication and involvement
- Familiar educators
- A nurturing environment that feels like home



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✦ COMPARE: Why Choose Us Over Public School 4K?

Our 4K Program	Public School 4K
✓ Small classes sizes	✗ Larger class sizes
✓ No transitions or switching rooms	✗ Multiple transitions and larger environments
✓ NAEYC-aligned quality oversight	✗ No NAEYC oversight
✓ DAP, play-based learning	✗ More academic structure
✓ No bus rides	✗ Bus transportation required
✓ Tight family–teacher communication	✗ Limited family access during the school day

📄 ENROLLMENT PACKET — SECTION 1: PROGRAM OVERVIEW

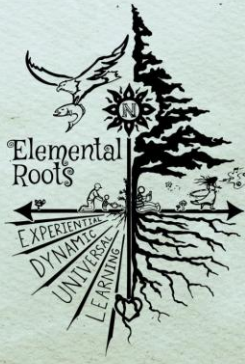
Welcome to Our 4K Program

Thank you for your interest in our 4K program! We offer a **free**, high-quality, developmentally appropriate early learning experience through Wisconsin’s *Get Kids Ready* initiative. Our classroom is intentionally designed to meet the needs of young learners with small class sizes, WMELS-aligned instruction, and NAEYC-level quality practices. Offering 437 hours of instruction with flexible wrap around instruction/care options, onsite.

📄 ENROLLMENT PACKET — SECTION 2: FAMILY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Complete the Online Enrollment Application: Due By May 1st

Click the link below to begin your child’s application:



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👉 [#Get Kids Ready - Child Application, DCF-F-5932](#)

Step 2: Upload Required Documentation

Families will need to attach to Brightwheel by June 1st:

- Birth certificate (to verify age 4 by Sept. 1)
- Immunization records
- Emergency contact information
- Authorized pick-up list

Step 3: Program Orientation (After Accepted)

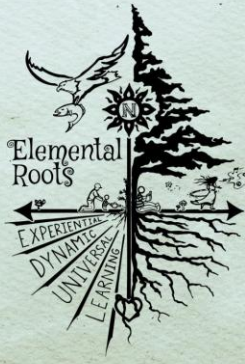
Once your application is accepted, you'll be invited to:

- A classroom tour
- Parent orientation session
- A meet-your-teacher family visit

ENROLLMENT PACKET — SECTION 3: PROGRAM DETAILS

Program Hours

- **437 hours per school year**, following Wisconsin's Get Kids Ready requirements
- Daily schedule includes:
 - Morning meeting
 - Literacy & language play
 - Math & problem-solving explorations
 - Outdoor learning
 - Art, music, and movement



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Teacher Qualifications

Our 4K lead teachers hold the required:

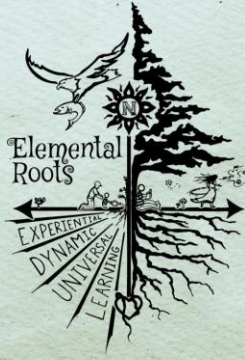
- Associate or bachelor's degree
- Training in WMELS
- Professional experience in early childhood education
- Continuous improvement aligned with NAEYC expectations

Cost

- **Free to families**
- No tuition or fees for instructional hours
- Wrap around care offered and presidency for Terri's Treehouse enrollment for all other child care needs with seamless transition into typical 4K unfunded programming with additional instruction and meals.

ENROLLMENT PACKET — SECTION 4: APPLICATION FORM TEMPLATE

Below is a ready-to-copy template for your Google Form or printed packet:



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4K Enrollment Application

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
 Division of Early Care and Education

Get Kids Ready – Child Application

Use of form: Use of this form is mandatory for families to complete if they would like to enroll in the Get Kids Ready (GKR) program. Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, s.15.04(1)(m), Wisconsin Statutes].

Instructions: The parent/caregiver shall fill out the CHILD AND PARENT/CAREGIVER and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT sections of the form. Child care providers should fill out the CHILD CARE PROVIDER section of the form.

File a Complaint: If you have a concern about something going on in a child care facility or you suspect child abuse, neglect or exploitation at a child care facility, please use the drop-down menu on the File a Complaint page to fill out the appropriate complaint form: dcf.wisconsin.gov/about-us/complaint.

Questions? Contact dcfgetkidsready@wisconsin.gov.

CHILD CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION – This section should only be filled out by the child care provider.

Program Name	Provider #	Location #
Program Address (Street, City, State, Zip)		

CHILD AND PARENT/CAREGIVER INFORMATION – This section should only be filled out by the parent/caregiver.

Child Name (Last, First, MI)		Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)
a. Parent/Caregiver Name	Relationship to Child	Email Address
Home Address (Street, City, State, Zip)		Home / Cell Phone No.
b. Parent/Caregiver Name	Relationship to Child	Email Address
Home Address (Street, City, State, Zip)		Home / Cell Phone No.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – This section should only be filled out by the parent/caregiver.

I understand that I should only be billed for care provided for my child outside of the Get Kids Ready program. The child care provider will not bill me (the parent/caregiver) for time in the Get Kids Ready Program.

Full Name	
Signature	Date

Brightwheel Required Uploads Due by June 1st 2026:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Photo of Parent/Guardian ID