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The Registry Connection

Welcome to the latest edition of *The Registry Connection!*

This edition has some valuable information about how The Registry is working to close the compensation gap in the early childhood and education field and about two NEW benefits you can enjoy through your Registry membership!

Importance of Listing Your Wages

Ever wonder why The Registry asks about your wages when you submit information about employment? Find out how this information can make a big difference in the childhood care and education field!

Compensation Gap

"*In Wisconsin, the average child care worker earns $10.33 an hour.... Yet child care teachers are, on average, more educated than the typical Wisconsin worker.*"

These words about compensation appeared in an article on the Wisconsin Public Radio website this past spring. Disappointing to say the least, but it comes to no surprise that this issue is an important hurdle in the childhood care and education field and must be addressed.

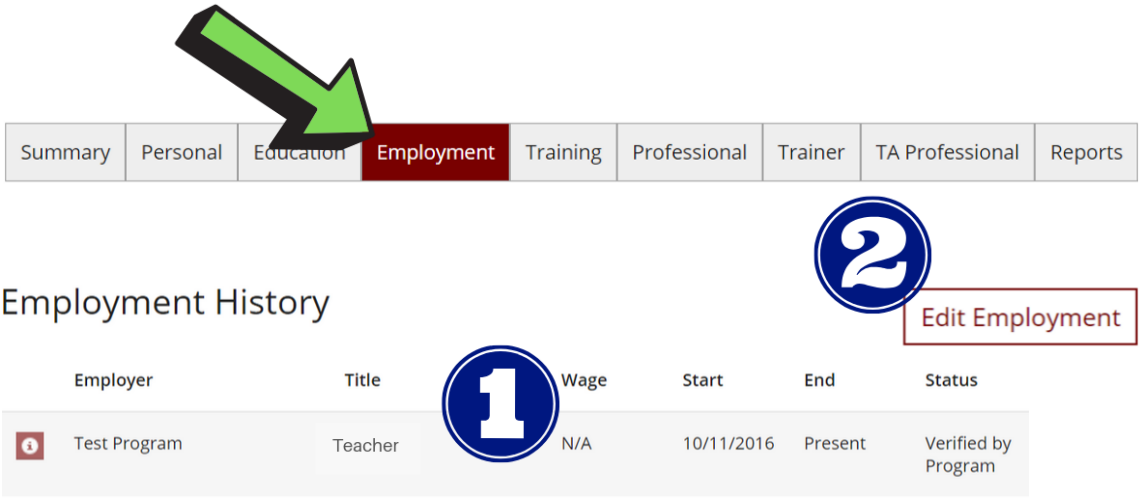
Though you may not know it, The Registry is working along with many agencies across the state and nation to close this gap in compensation.

How The Registry helps

Have you ever wondered why you are asked to list information about your wages when you enter your employment history in The Registry? Wage information is shared anonymously at the state and national levels by The Registry. This data helps lawmakers and advocates better understand the gap in compensation in our field to inform public policy. Though change may seem slow, our field has come a long way over the years.

How can I help?

By listing information about your wages, you are helping to inform public policy and make a difference. If you would like to share information about your wages, you can log in to your Registry Profile and see if your wages are listed. Click on the Employment tab and follow the directions below:



1. If you haven't previously shared your wages, you will see **N/A** listed under **WAGE**. You may edit this at any time and enter your wages. This data will be shared anonymously.

2. To add your wages or any employment related to the field that isn't listed in your employment history, click on the **EDIT EMPLOYMENT** button to get started. You will be asked questions about your employment such as the title of your position, the ages you primarily work with, and your wages (see image below).

Compensation

The Registry recommends entering your wage information. *

- ○ I receive an hourly wage
- ○ I receive an annual salary
- ○ I do not wish to provide this information

Date of last wage increase

Wage information is extremely important and we thank everyone who chooses to share it. At the same time, The Registry respects your privacy and this information is NOT required. If you do not wish to provide information about your wages, please choose the option **I DO NOT WISH TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION**. You may edit this information now or when you renew your Registry membership.

Update My Employment

New Insurance Benefit!

The Registry & ROBERTSON RYAN & ASSOCIATES
BUSINESS | PERSONAL | BENEFITS INSURANCE

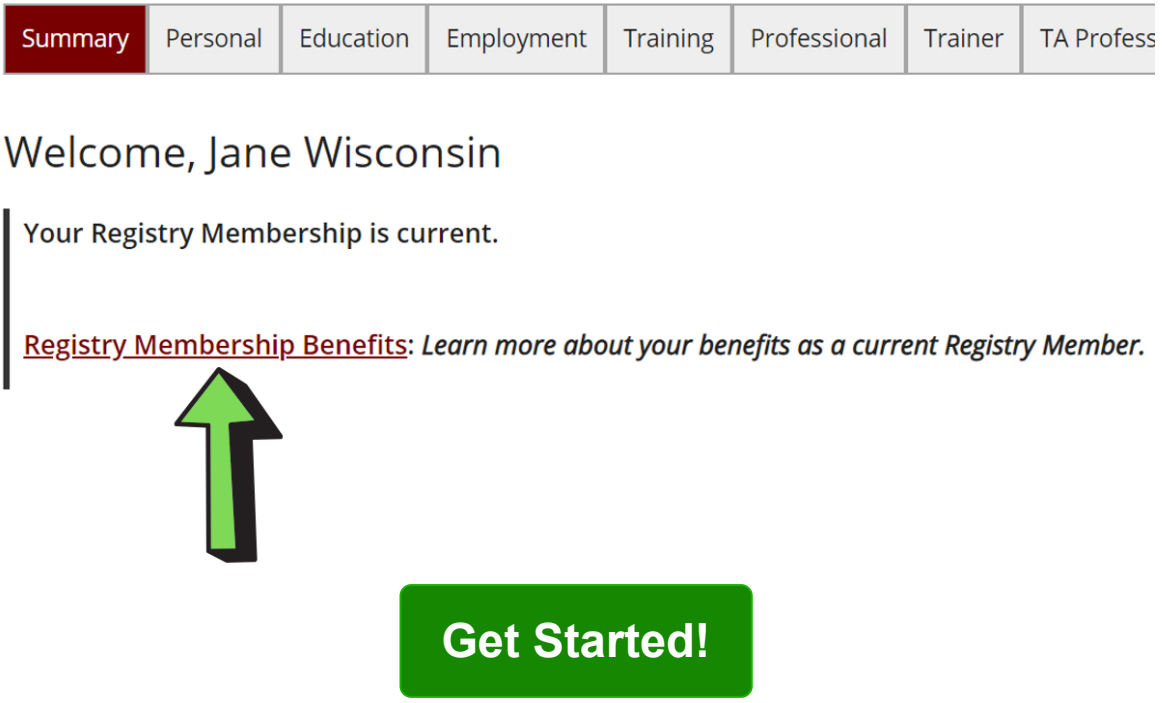
The Registry has added an exciting, new membership benefit! By partnering with Robertson Ryan & Associates, current members can now receive special discounts on insurance! With access to all of Robertson Ryan's carriers, you can find a comprehensive plan for both your personal and business insurance.

Current Registry members can access all of the services and markets Robertson Ryan & Associates has to offer with the following discounts:

- 5% off on commercial insurance
- Up to 8% off on personal insurance

For more information and access to these discounts:

1. Go to www.the-registry.org.
2. Click on the Registry Membership Benefits link (see image below).
3. Click on the Robertson Ryan link and find the right insurance plan for you.



FREE Webinar Training

Knowing how to use technology in today's world has become a necessity, yet it can often be a source of anxiety and frustration. Join The Registry's own Katy Love, Director of Information Management and Joshua Vick, Director of Communications & Outreach, to learn important technology skills and how they can be applied to using The Registry.

Topics include strategies on making secure passwords, using internet browsers, tips on navigating The Registry website, taking and sharing screen shots, and strategies for sending documentation to The Registry. Leave this webinar with some technology skills that will definitely enhance your Registry experience.

This ***FREE*** webinar is exclusive to current Registry members and will count as 1.00 hour of tiered training. Please note, there are two time slots available, but space is limited to 150 participants for each day. Guarantee your spot and register for one of the available times today!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019 12:30pm - 1:30pm	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Register	**Register**

Note: *The webinar link will be active as early as 12:00 pm. We recommend you join at this time to test your audio connection and make sure you are all set.*

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