


STATE OF WISCONSIN  
Department of Children and Families  
Division of Safety and Permanence

To: Area Administrators/ Human Services Area Coordinators  
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County Departments of Human Services Directors  
County Departments of Social Services Directors  
Indian Child Welfare Directors  
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Tribal Chairpersons/Human Services Facilitators

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Administrator

Re: Results of 2008 Federal Title IV-E Review

This memo is to inform child welfare agencies and the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) that Wisconsin was found to be in substantial compliance with Federal Title IV-E requirements during the Federal Title IV-E review conducted during the week of August 4, 2008. Information about the Title IV-E review process was provided in the DCFS Info Memo 2008-06, dated May 15, 2008.

A total of 80 cases were reviewed for the initial Title IV-E eligibility determination, ongoing Title IV-E reimbursability of the out-of-home-care episode, and licensing requirements for out-of-home care providers receiving payments. The period reviewed was October 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 and all of the 80 cases had at least one month of Title IV-E reimbursable foster care payments during that period. The review focused on this six-month period, except that initial eligibility of the child and full licensure of the provider were based on decisions and documentation made from the beginning of the out-of-home episode. The cases were selected at random by the federal Administration of Children and Families (ACF) from AFCARS data files submitted by the State, and included 32 cases from BMCW and 48 cases from 28 other counties, including 15 cases that originated with counties but were with the State adoption program during the review period. The vast majority of the cases reviewed were CHIPS cases, with some juvenile delinquent cases in the sample.

Of the 80 cases reviewed, no cases were determined to be in error with Title IV-E requirements during the period under review (PUR) and only one case was identified to have a minor ineligible payment issue relating to the timing of when Title IV-E funds started to be claimed. The Federal review team was very complimentary of the State's efforts to properly determine Title IV-E eligibility for children. Specific comments focused around the excellent documentation found in the county and BMCW case files and how well the case files were organized.

The hard work and dedication of the county agencies, BMCW staff, licensing agencies, regional offices, and adoptive staff is evident during such a successful Title IV-E review process. Being in substantial compliance with Federal Title IV-E requirements ensures that Wisconsin will maintain the highest level of Title IV-E funding possible to continue to serve Wisconsin's children and families.

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Attachments: [Wisconsin 2008 Title IV-E Review Final Report](#)

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