

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Through the Wisconsin biennial budget process, the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee meetings and other public forums, there is ongoing public dialogue regarding the Wisconsin TANF program. DWD publicized the availability of the draft Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006-FFY 2007 TANF Plan as a means of soliciting comments from the public.

Simultaneous to submitting the draft TANF Plan to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, DWD placed an announcement on its public website homepage regarding the availability of the draft Plan for public comment. The web link included the draft Plan and instructions for submitting comments and the timeframe for submitting them. In December 2005 and January 2006, the Department mailed out information regarding the availability of the draft Plan on the Department's website and the process for submitting comments on the draft Plan. Information about how to obtain a hard-copy of the draft Plan also was provided. The information was sent to numerous groups and individuals, including W-2 agencies, Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS) Area Administrators and Regional Administrators, child care coordinators, child support agencies, directors of county departments of human services and social services, tribal economic support directors and the Great Lakes Intertribal Council.

Written comments on the draft Plan were accepted by DWD for consideration over a time period of forty-five days. DWD reviewed all comments for potential changes to the draft Plan.

DWD also conducted a public hearing during the public comment period, and no additional comments were received at the hearing.

After the conclusion of the public comment period, DWD revised this Plan to include the following summary about the number of comments received, the types of comments received, and the changes DWD made to the draft Plan as a result of the comments.

DWD received comments from five organizations. Only a few comments suggested Plan revisions. DWD revised the Plan language based on these comments, which focused on sex education and adolescent pregnancy prevention.