August 1, 2012

To: Private Child Placing Agencies
   Residential Care Center Providers
   Group Home Providers
   Shelter Care Providers

From: Ron Hermes, Director
       Bureau of Permanence and Out-of-Home Care

RE: Need Determination for Group Homes

The purpose of this memo is to notify providers that Wisconsin Administrative Code DCF 57, relating to Group Homes for Children, has been updated to include the Needs Determination language effective August 1, 2012. The Needs Determination for Group Homes was developed as a result of 2009 WI Act 335. The rule regulates the establishment of new group homes and the expansion of existing group homes to ensure an adequate number and variety of facilities to meet the needs of children who require out-of-home residential care.

Attached is a copy of the updated Group Homes, DCF 57, http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/dcf/021_099/57 group home rule which include the needs determination language under DCF 57.485.

If you have any questions regarding the needs determination for group homes, please contact the Child Welfare Licensing Program Specialist at 262-446-7856.

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Attachment:
Chapter DCF 57, Group Homes, http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/dcf/021_099/57

MEMO WEB SITE: https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/policy