

To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator
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From: Fredi-Ellen Bove 
Administrator

Re: **Early Intervention CY 2017-18: Eligibility, Allocations, and Application for Funding**

PURPOSE

This memo provides notification of the counties that are eligible for calendar year (CY) 2017 and 2018 Early Intervention funds and explains the eligibility criteria for receiving these funds.

Eligible counties for this two-year grant cycle are: Ashland, Brown, Dane, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, La Crosse, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Oneida, Outagamie, Portage, Racine, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Washington, Waupaca, Winnebago, and Wood. Allocations are in the attached “EI Allocation Amount Listed by County.”

BACKGROUND

State statute {s. 48.526(e)} allows the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to carry forward unused Youth Aids funds from one calendar year to the next two calendar years and allocate these funds to “counties with persistently high rates of juvenile arrests for serious offenses” for the purpose of improving “community-based juvenile delinquency-related services.” A total of \$700,000/year is being allocated for CY 2017 and CY 2018.

On January 1, 2016, DCF assumed responsibility for the community-based juvenile justice system. This change included the transfer of responsibilities and oversight for Early Intervention funds distributed under s. 48.526(e) to the DCF Bureau of Youth Services.

Administering Early Intervention funds includes determining eligibility for funding for each two-year cycle, and then allocating those funds each year.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

1. Eligibility for CY 2017 and CY 2018 two-year funding cycle

DCF is using the following eligibility formula for the next two-year cycle to ensure that counties with the greatest need are eligible for funding and do not lose funding immediately when they are successful in reducing their arrest rates. This formula is similar to the past eligibility formula, with certain refinements as explained below.

For eligibility, DCF is using a five year average arrest rate to determine which counties have “persistently high” arrest rates. The arrest rate is determined by dividing the number of all Part I juvenile arrests by the juvenile population (ages 10-16) for the time period 2011-2015. Eligibility is determined by comparing individual county rates to the statewide average. As in past years, DCF does not factor in Milwaukee’s population or arrest rate to determine the statewide average because of its significantly larger population and arrest rates.

There are two key changes from past approaches to eligibility: (1) DCF is now looking at arrest and population data for the past five years instead of the past three years to determine which counties have “persistently high” arrest rates, and (2) DCF is using all Part I arrests instead of only violent Part I juvenile arrests as a measure of “serious offenses.”

Counties are eligible for Early Intervention funding for CY 2017 and CY 2018 if their arrest rate is 150% or more of the statewide average.

2. Allocations for CY 2017 and 2018 two-year funding cycle

DCF is using the same allocation amount for each of the two years in response to input that counties would like more predictability and greater ability to plan ahead.

All eligible counties are allocated a base amount of \$10,000 to provide sufficient funding to take meaningful steps to improve “community-based juvenile delinquency-related services.” The balance of the available funding is allocated among the eligible counties based on the relative size of their juvenile population (using their juvenile population as a percentage of the total juvenile population of eligible counties).

3. Eligible counties for CY 2017 and CY 2018 and their allocations

See the attached “Early Intervention Eligibility and Allocation by County” for the allocation for each county.

4. Plan and Budget Requirements

a. Plan for CY 2017 and CY 2018 – Due by November 18, 2016

To be awarded funding, eligible counties must complete a plan and budget covering the two year period. Those forms are attached, along with instructions for their completion. The deadline for submission of the plan and budget is November 18, 2016.

b. Awards for CY 2017

DCF will review plans and budgets and will send award letters allocating CY 2017 Early Intervention funds after the plans and budgets have been approved. Award letters will go out no later than December 2, 2016.

5. Reporting Requirements for CY 2017 and CY 2018

| Due date | Form | Purpose |
|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| July 30, 2017 | Six-month Status Report | Report on progress toward outcomes for first six months of CY 2017; strategize how to address barriers |
| January 30, 2018 | Year One Evaluation | Report on CY 2017 activities and outcomes; strategize how to address barriers; submit any revisions to two-year plan |
| July 30, 2018 | Six-month Status Report | Report on progress toward outcomes for first six months of CY 2018; strategize how to address barriers |
| January 30, 2019 | Year Two Evaluation | Report on CY 2018 activities and outcomes and evaluate the program in its |

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Attachments: EI Allocation Amount Listed by County
2017-18 EI Plan (Template)
<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/jj/excel/2016-31i-budget.xlsx>
(2017-18 EI Budget Template)

| | Population | Population Ratio | | \$10,00 base allocation | Population Allocation | Total CY17 Allocation |
|-------------|------------|------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Ashland | 18,207 | 0.45% | | \$10,000 | \$2,200 | \$12,200 |
| Brown | 311,434 | 7.74% | | \$10,000 | \$37,900 | \$47,900 |
| Dane | 539,753 | 13.42% | | \$10,000 | \$65,700 | \$75,700 |
| Eau Claire | 104,071 | 2.59% | | \$10,000 | \$12,700 | \$22,700 |
| Fond Du Lac | 112,930 | 2.81% | | \$10,000 | \$13,800 | \$23,800 |
| Jefferson | 96,113 | 2.39% | | \$10,000 | \$11,700 | \$21,700 |
| La Crosse | 120,464 | 2.99% | | \$10,000 | \$14,700 | \$24,700 |
| Lincoln | 28,840 | 0.72% | | \$10,000 | \$3,500 | \$13,500 |
| Manitowoc | 86,436 | 2.15% | | \$10,000 | \$10,500 | \$20,500 |
| Milwaukee | 1,176,307 | 29.24% | | \$10,000 | \$143,300 | \$153,300 |
| Oneida | 31,345 | 0.78% | | \$10,000 | \$3,800 | \$13,800 |
| Outagamie | 219,533 | 5.46% | | \$10,000 | \$26,700 | \$36,700 |
| Portage | 70,228 | 1.75% | | \$10,000 | \$8,600 | \$18,600 |
| Racine | 235,583 | 5.86% | | \$10,000 | \$28,700 | \$38,700 |
| Rock | 193,948 | 4.82% | | \$10,000 | \$23,600 | \$33,600 |
| Sauk | 73,223 | 1.82% | | \$10,000 | \$8,900 | \$18,900 |
| Sheboygan | 132,893 | 3.30% | | \$10,000 | \$16,200 | \$26,200 |
| Washington | 155,507 | 3.87% | | \$10,000 | \$18,900 | \$28,900 |
| Waupaca | 56,480 | 1.40% | | \$10,000 | \$6,900 | \$16,900 |
| Winnebago | 177,995 | 4.42% | | \$10,000 | \$21,700 | \$31,700 |
| Wood | 81,922 | 2.04% | | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$20,000 |
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| Total | 4,023,212 | 100.00% | | \$210,000 | \$490,000 | \$700,000 |

Calendar Year 2017-18 Early Intervention Allocations for Eligible Counties

Program Plan
CY 2017-18 Early Intervention Funds (Two year plan)

Please submit a statement describing how your county plans to use the Early Intervention funds for 2017 and 2018 that includes the following:

1. A concise description of the early intervention program component(s) that the county wishes to implement with these funds. This should include, at a minimum:
 - a. Inputs: the resources that go into the program (other than Early Intervention funds; may include other funds, staff, community partners, and participants)
 - b. Activities: the activities the program undertakes (may include classes/sessions, counseling, training, or other activities)
 - c. Outputs: what is directly produced by the activities (e.g., the number/type of clients served, number of classes taught, sessions held, etc.)

2. Outcomes – the changes that the program plans to effect. This should include, at a minimum:
 - a. Outcomes: this may include new knowledge, increase skills, modified behavior, or other changes. These may include client/individual outcomes, family/community outcomes, systemic outcomes, and/or organizational outcomes.
 - b. Indicators: these are specific measureable characteristics or changes that represent achievement of an outcome (these are observable and answer the question: “How will we know the program worked?”)

3. An explanation of how the proposed program component(s) fit into and strength the county’s continuum of juvenile justice services (e.g., how it fills a gap, or how it enhances existing work). This should include an explanation of how the program will improve “community-based juvenile delinquency-related services” in the county.

4. Evidence of collaborative efforts in designing and implementing the proposed program components with other involved agencies and/or stakeholders.