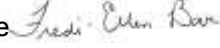


To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator
DCF Area Administrators
Child Placing Agency Directors
Child Welfare Agency Directors
County Departments of Community Programs Directors
County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors
Group Home Providers
Tribal Social Service/Indian Child Welfare Directors
Private Child Placing Agencies
Residential Care Center Providers
Shelter Care Providers
Tribal Chairpersons

From: Fredi-Ellen Bove 
Administrator

Re: **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Guidance**

PURPOSE

This information is intended to support child welfare agencies (CWAs) and local education agencies (LEAs) with the implementation of the ESSA.

BACKGROUND

The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), passed by Congress in December of 2015 amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. The ESSA, in conjunction with the Fostering Connections Act of 2008 and the Uninterrupted Scholars Act of 2013, requires certain actions of state and local educational and child welfare and tribal child welfare agencies designed to increase collaboration among those agencies to support successful educational experiences for children in out-of-home care.

In November 2016, a joint letter from the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) was sent to CWAs and LEAs informing them that the departments would be developing joint guidance related to both the mandated requirements and the best practice recommendations in coming months. This memo delivers segments of such guidance.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

The joint letter with guidance and *sample* procedures have been developed to assist with making joint policies and plans pertaining to providing, arranging and funding transportation. In addition, information further clarifying the roles and responsibilities of points of contact, child welfare staff and educators has been included.

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Attachments: Joint Letter DCF/DPI with transportation guidance and sample procedures
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/essa/transportation-sample.pdf>
Roles and responsibilities guidance
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/essa/roles.pdf>