


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: **Youth Justice Issue Briefs: Issue Brief Released on Family Engagement**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to inform counties and tribes of the release of the second Youth Justice Issue Brief. The topic of this Issue Brief is Family Engagement.

BACKGROUND

The Bureau of Youth Services will periodically release Youth Justice Issue Briefs on topics relevant to youth justice practice across the state. These briefs will include the following elements related to the specific topic area of the Issue Brief: references to the DCF strategic plan and vision for youth justice; background; program spotlights of effective or promising programs in Wisconsin; links and summaries of notable research; quantitative and qualitative data specific to Wisconsin; and actionable steps readers can take to evaluate their own practices.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

The Issue Brief on Family Engagement includes all of the elements described above, as they relate to family engagement. This includes a summary of the core concepts of family engagement and how family engagement in youth justice can lead to better outcomes. It also includes a spotlight on programs in Jefferson and Outagamie counties, as well as research on the key elements of effective approaches to family engagement. For more, please read the nine-page Issue Brief in its entirety.

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