


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: Support for Out-of-Home Care Placements for Youth Who Have Been Sex Trafficked in  
Calendar Year 2019

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to inform county and tribal agencies that the proposed Department and Children and Families (DCF) vendor has made a business decision not to continue with the contract to develop and implement a residential program to serve female youth who have been sex trafficked. In order to continue supporting counties and tribes, the Department will extend the temporary funding pool to reimburse costs for out-of-home care placements for female and male youth who have experienced substantiated sexual abuse that involved sex trafficking for calendar year 2019.

## BACKGROUND

Based on funding provided in Act 55, the 2019-21 biennial budget bill, DCF issued a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) to establish a specialized residential treatment program for female youth in non-Milwaukee counties who have experienced sex trafficking. The contract was awarded and was set to begin in December 2018, with the program admitting residents in late spring 2019. The proposed vendor has since made a business decision not to move forward with the contract.

## INFORMATION SUMMARY

In order to continue supporting counties and tribes while future options are explored, DCF will extend into CY2019 the temporary pool of funds to counties and tribes to pay for out-of-home care placement costs for female and male youth who have been substantiated to have experienced sexual abuse that involved sex trafficking. These funds will be available to assist non-Milwaukee counties and all tribes in Wisconsin with placement costs for individuals who have experienced sex trafficking. These funds will be in addition to those made available for placement costs in 2018, as communicated in DSP Numbered Memo Series 2018-26, "Temporary Funding Pool for Out-of-Home Care Placements for Youth who have been Sex Trafficked", <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/policy/pdf/memos/2018-26.pdf>. DCF will issue a numbered memo in the near future with guidelines for the 2019 funds.

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