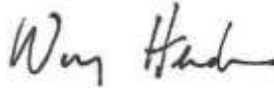


To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator  
DCF Area Administrators  
Child Placing Agency Directors  
Child Welfare Agency Directors  
County Departments of Community Programs Directors  
County Departments of Human Services Directors  
County Departments of Social Services Directors  
Group Home Providers  
Tribal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

From: Wendy Henderson  
Administrator



Re: Congregate Care Rate Review

## **PURPOSE**

This memo is to inform counties of a DSP-led project to evaluate congregate care rates to ensure Wisconsin's ability to fully implement the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) and propel the strategic vision of "all children belong with their families." DSP is partnering with Public Consulting Group (PCG) to understand the current process, identify gaps, and explore future solutions that encourage quality, short-term congregate care stays.

This will require close collaboration with local agencies and stakeholders, as well as the Rate Regulation Advisory Committee.

Below is the outlined timeline for the first phase of project, which is conducting interviews and listening sessions with local agencies, providers, and stakeholders. Please prioritize participation in these meetings as they are scheduled.

## **TIMELINE**

July/August: PCG to meet with county agencies

August/September: PCG to meet with congregate care providers and child placing agencies

October: PCG to present initial findings to DSP; next steps identified

Thank you for your collaboration and partnership.

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