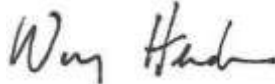


To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator
DCF Area Administrators
County Board Chairpersons
County Departments of Community Programs Directors
County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors

From: Wendy Henderson
Administrator



Re: Advisory Notification of Calendar Year 2021 County Child Welfare Allocations

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to provide preliminary notification of calendar year (CY) 2021 allocations to county departments of human or social services for the Children and Families Allocation, Youth Aids Basic Allocation and AODA allocation, and other child welfare funds. The individual program allocations are listed in the attached spreadsheet showing amounts by county. County agencies can use these amounts for their CY 2021 budget planning.

The CY 2021 allocations are contingent on the availability of state and federal funding. Allocations are subject to change depending on state budget actions and the amount of federal funds received by DCF.

CHILD WELFARE ALLOCATIONS

The CY 2021 allocations by child welfare program are listed in the attached spreadsheet. For programs with match requirements, the county match amount is identified. Attached is a table showing the six-month splits for the Children and Families Allocation (CFA) and Community Youth and Family Aids.

The allocation spreadsheet includes the following allocations that go to all counties:

- Children and Families Allocation (including Match Requirement)
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF)
- Community Youth and Family Aids (Youth Aids)
- Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA)
- Kinship Care Benefits and Assessments
- eWiSACWIS User Fee (deducted from the CFA)
- Training Partnership Fee (deducted from the CFA)

The spreadsheet also shows the following allocations that go to selected counties:

- Early Childhood Initiative

No preliminary allocation amounts are included in the spreadsheet for the following programs which require submission of application materials to DCF or are one-time commitments:

- IV-E Pass-Through Programs:
 - Legal Services Reimbursement
 - Legal Representation of Parents
 - Foster Parent Training
 - Local eWiSACWIS Costs

- Targeted Safety Support Funds (TSSF)
- Community Supervision Services

CY 2021 ALLOCATIONS

The following descriptions provide additional information for each of the allocations included in the attached spreadsheet.

Children and Families Allocation

The Children and Families Allocation (CFA), also known as the DCF portion of Community Aids, is the primary source of state funding for child welfare services. The CY 2021 CFA represents an across-the-board 1.6% increase from CY 2020. The CFA includes several funding sources, including state GPR, federal Title IV-E foster care revenue, federal Title IV-B Subpart 1, and federal Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). Counties may carry over up to 3% of the CFA from one year to the next. After the CY 2021 contracts have closed, DCF will notify counties if they have funds eligible to be carried over into CY 2022.

Kinship Care

Initial Kinship Care Benefits allocations have been re-estimated at projected caseloads (105% of SFY20 12-month average) times the 2021 Kinship Care rate of \$254 per month. The total allocation for Kinship Care Assessments is 10% of the initial Benefits allocation. In order to align contract spending with TANF statutory limits, the calendar year allocation is divided into two periods: January - April and May - December. *Underspending from the January - April period cannot carry over into May - December.*

Youth Aids

Youth Aids is the primary source of state funding for community-based juvenile justice services. Youth Aids includes several funding sources, including state GPR, federal Title IV-E revenue, and federal Title IV-B Subpart 1.

The Youth Aids funds are allocated in two increments – 50% of the funds are available to counties for the period of January through June as part of the initial CY 2021 contract. The remaining 50% of the funds will be added to the contract in July 2019 for unreimbursed expenses through June and the period of July through December.

Counties may carry over up to 5% of Youth Aids funds from one year to the next. After the CY 2020 contracts have closed, DCF will notify counties if they have funds eligible to be carried over

into CY 2021.

AODA

AODA funding is to provide AODA services to the Youth Aids Target Population. AODA funding is also allocated in two increments, similar to Youth Aids funding.

Initial Youth Aids allocations do not include Community Supervision Services allocations, Emergency allocation, or Basic Allocation carryover. Community Supervision Services uses SPARC code 3414. As counties enroll in the program a \$0 contract code will be added for cost reporting. At the close of each six-month period counties will have contract amounts added based on proportional expenses, per s. 48.526(7)(h).

CY 2021 Child Welfare Contract

The child welfare contract for CY 2021 includes a base section containing general requirements applicable to all county contracts and a child welfare scope of services section with the specific requirements for the child welfare program and the Children and Families Allocation. The child welfare contract also includes multiple appendices for the other program allocations included in the contract.

The CY 2021 contract and subsequent amendments will be issued electronically using the DocuSign distribution process. County agencies will receive an email notice to the person designated to sign the contract and other persons identified by the county will be copied on the notice. The contract will be signed and submitted back to DCF via email. The agency may print a copy or save a PDF copy of the contract. No software is needed on the agency's end to receive and sign the contract and the process does not require an encrypted signature.

More information regarding the DocuSign electronic signature process may be found at: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/doingbusinesswith>

Agencies should confirm the designated signor of the CY 2021 contract with their DCF Area Administrator. Agencies can identify other persons, such as agency directors, fiscal managers and attorneys, to be copied on DocuSign emails sending out the contract.

CY 2021 funds will not be released until the signed contract has been returned to DCF via DocuSign. Once the CY 2021 contracts have been issued, the final CY 2021 allocations will be available at: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwfunding>.

Fiscal Reporting and Pre-Payments

No advance or pre-payments will be allowed for CY 2021 allocations.

Expenses for the CY 2021 Child Welfare allocations will be reported to DCF using the SPARC fiscal reporting system.

Expenditure reports for expenses will be due on the 28th of the month following the month for which reimbursement is claimed and payable on the 5th day of the month following submission.

Payments for cost reimbursement are limited by the contract amount at the time of the payment.

Questions regarding SPARC fiscal reporting can be directed to:

DCF Bureau of Finance
(608) 422-6379
DCFFinanceGrants@wisconsin.gov

Public Participation Requirements

County human and social service departments must meet the requirements in s. 48.526(2m) to obtain public input on the use of DCF juvenile justice funds for CY 2020. Counties may use their human service boards or other citizen advisory committees to obtain public input. Information on the public participation process used by counties should be submitted to the DCF Area Administrator.

Action Summary

Counties can use these allocations to prepare their CY 2021 budgets.

REGIONAL OFFICE CONTACTS: DCF Area Administrator

CENTRAL OFFICE CONTACTS: Accounting
(608) 422-6379
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MEMO WEB SITE: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwfunding>

ATTACHMENT LINKS: Wisconsin Child Welfare 2021 County Allocations
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/funding/excel/cwcnty-cyallocations2021.xlsx>