

## DCF Child Welfare Federal Funding (as of April 2025\*)

Federal Grant	Grant Purpose	State Requirements and Utilization
<b>Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)</b>	Funding to help improve the health and well-being of pregnant women, parents of young children and their families.	Wisconsin utilizes MIECHV funding in the Family Foundations Home Visiting program (FFHV): <a href="https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/homevisiting">https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/homevisiting</a> .  FFHV oversees three prevention Evidence Based Programs (EBPs): Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Families America and Parents as Teachers.
<b>Title IV-E</b>	<b>Foster Care:</b> federal reimbursement to states for the costs of maintaining children in foster care. <b>Guardianship Assistance:</b> federal reimbursement for the costs of relatives who have assumed legal guardianship of children for whom they previously cared as foster parents. <b>Adoption Assistance:</b> federal reimbursement for adoptions of children with special needs or circumstances. <b>Prevention Services:</b> federal reimbursement for time-limited prevention services** for mental health, substance abuse and in-home parenting skill-based programs.	As Wisconsin's title IV-E Agency, DCF claims partial reimbursement on eligible title IV-E maintenance, administration and training expenses associated with eligible children and allocates those earned revenues to fund child welfare programs.  Title IV-E Foster Care revenues are primarily allocated to counties via the Children and Families Aids (CFA) allocation, subsidized guardianship reimbursement, and title IV-E passthroughs (i.e. <i>legal services, legal representation, eWisACWIS and foster parent training</i> ).
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</b>	Funding to help low-income families with children achieve economic security and stability.  Provides short-term assistance for children to be cared for at home, to end dependence on government benefits, to prevent out-of-wedlock pregnancies and to encourage two-parent families.	Wisconsin TANF statutory allocations (Wis. Stat. § 49.175) specify usage and amounts in each biennium.  TANF supports the following child welfare programs: Kinship Care, Targeted Safety Supports Funding (TSSF), Home Visiting, Fostering Futures, FAST and the Child Abuse Prevention Grant. It also supports anti-poverty programs within DCF's Division of Family and Economic Security (DFES).
<b>Title IV-B, Subpart 1: Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services</b>	Funding to protect and promote child welfare; prevent the neglect, abuse or exploitation of children; support at-risk families with services that allow children to remain at home; promote the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and provide training, professional development and support to ensure a well-qualified workforce.	Wisconsin broadly utilizes title IV-B, Subpart 1 funding in the CFA, Youth Aids and Runaway Youth Services.
<b>Title IV-B, Subpart 2: Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF)</b>	Funding to prevent child maltreatment and the unnecessary separation of children from their families; improve the quality of care and services to children and their families; and ensure permanency for children by reuniting them with their parents or by promoting adoption or another permanent living arrangement.	DCF issues PSSF funding directly to counties through the St-Co Contract to implement federal PSSF purposes at the local level.  <b>Note:</b> the <i>Supporting America's Children and Families Act</i> reauthorized and increased title IV-B, Subpart 2 in FFY 26 -29 though state-level allocations have not been published and no DCF funding decisions have been made.
<b>Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)</b>	CAPTA funding has 14 purposes to narrow the scope of CPS system improvements—ranging from improving multidisciplinary teams to training.	Wisconsin utilizes CAPTA to implement lived experience programs including Parents Supporting Parents (PSP) and different child welfare improvement initiatives.
<b>Family First Transition Act funding (FFTA)</b>	Funding for the implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) and can be used for activities directly associated with implementation of FFPSA and for any purpose specified in title IV-B subpart 1 and subpart 2.	One-time grant funds expiring at the end of 2025.  Wisconsin has utilized FFTA for the Family Keys program, Family First Funds grants to counties and other short-term child welfare initiatives.
<b>Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)</b>	Funding to support social services for vulnerable children, adults and families to meet the specific needs of the state population.	Wisconsin's SSBG funding is issued to the Department of Health Services (DHS). A portion is transferred to DCF to utilize in the CFA and for administrative costs.

\*Impact to Wisconsin regarding pending federal funding changes is currently unknown.

\*\*Services must be approved by the Title IV-E Clearinghouse and included within a state's title IV-E prevention plan.