



Glossary of Acronyms and Terms

BB = Biennial Budget

BCRA = Bureau of Compliance, Research and Analytics is responsible for the oversight and management of the data analytics and program integrity of DSP programs and policies related to child welfare to ensure compliance with Federal title IV-E requirements.

BOS = Balance of State refers to information and/or data that describes the counties outside Milwaukee.

BPOHC = Bureau of Permanence and Out-of-Home Care administers the state public-adoption program, licensing and provides policy guidance to counties on foster care, kinship care and other out-of-home-care placements.

BRO = Bureau of Regional Operations in the Division of Management Services works with local agencies administering DCF programs, including child welfare, child care subsidy, child support and W-2 financial assistance.

BSWB = Bureau of Safety and Well-Being is responsible for child protective services policy and practice standards.

Candidate for Foster Care (475(13)) = a child who is identified in a prevention plan as being at imminent risk of entering foster care and *in Wisconsin* meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Children who are being served by the local child welfare agency where it has been determined that there are existing danger threats that can be mitigated by the provision of services aimed at keeping children safe in-home and ameliorating the conditions that render children to be unsafe.
- Children who have been returned to their parent's care and services remain necessary to prevent re-entry.
- Children or youth that are engaged in the youth justice system with identified risk factors that are determined as part of the standardized assessment process.
- Children or youth engaged in the youth justice system who are returning to their parent's care post-removal and services remain necessary to prevent re-entry.

Note: a *candidate for title IV-E foster care (472(i)(2))* is a child at imminent risk of removal and the agency is making reasonable efforts to prevent it.

CANPB = Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board.

CCIP = Children's Court Improvement Program, Wisconsin's Court Improvement program.

CFA = Children and Family Aids is a state level block grant funding source distributed to counties to assist with the costs associated with administering child welfare services.

CFSP = Child and Family Services Plan. A five-year strategic plan that sets forth the vision and the goals to be accomplished to strengthen the states' overall child welfare system.

CPS = Child Protective Services.

CQI = Continuous Quality Improvement which is DCF's Quality Assurance System.

CWA = Child Welfare Agency.

CY = Calendar Year (*January – December*).

DAISEY = A shared measurement system to support state-funded home visiting programs.

DCF = Department of Children and Families includes child welfare services, prevention services, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (*W-2*), child care regulation and licensing, child support and youth development initiatives.

DHS = Department of Health Services includes Medicaid, mental health & substance abuse services and the Food Share program.

DMCPS = Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services directly operates child welfare services in Milwaukee and coordinates



DSP = Division of Safety and Permanence oversees the statewide child welfare and community-based youth justice systems.

EBP = Evidence Based Program. Mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services and in-home parent skill-based programs rated and approved by the *Title IV-E Prevention Clearinghouse*. Wisconsin identified three EBPs in its *five-year title IV-E prevention program plan*:

HFA = Healthy Families America

NFP = Nurse-Family Partnership

PAT = Parents as Teachers

eWISACWIS = Wisconsin Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS system).

FFHV = Family Foundations Home Visiting Program provides high quality, evidence-based and voluntary home visiting services to high-need families at risk for poor child and family outcomes with the goals of improving maternal and child health and school readiness and reducing child abuse and neglect.

FFP = Federal Financial Participation. The matching rate paid by the federal government for specified programs.

FMAP: Federal Medicaid Percentage. The FFP paid for title IV-E maintenance costs; Wisconsin's FFY25 rate is: 60.43%.

Note: From FFYs 2020 – 2026, costs of title IV-E prevention services are reimbursable at 50 percent FFP under title IV-E. Beginning in FFY 2027, title IV-E prevention services are reimbursable at the applicable FMAP rate for the state.

FFPSA = Family First Prevention and Services Act authorized new optional title IV-E funding for time-limited prevention services.

FFY = Federal Fiscal Year (*October – September*).

GPR = General Purpose Revenues from state tax revenue.

LIA = Local Implementing Agency.

MOE = Maintenance of Effort. States must use title IV-E prevention services to supplement and not supplant FFY 2014 levels.

OHC = Out-of-Home Care including children placed under court order in foster care, group homes, residential care centers and kinship care. This is equivalent to the federal definition of foster care.

Prevention Plan = the state maintains a written prevention plan that must identify whether the child is a *candidate for foster care* or is a *pregnant or parenting foster youth* in need of prevention services in advance of the services being provided. Wisconsin operationalized the Prevention Plan as part of the Case and Permanency Plans.

Note: this is separate from a state's **title IV-E prevention program five-year plan** that is required to operate a title IV-E prevention program.

PSSF = Promoting Safe and Stable Families (*title IV-B part 2*). See funding chart for additional details.

SFY = State Fiscal Year.

TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families . See funding chart for additional details.

The Clearinghouse = Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse was developed in accordance with the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 and rates programs and services as promising, supported and well-supported practices.

Note: at least 50 percent of state expenditures must be for services that meet the well-supported criteria.

Title IV-E = federal funding to states for foster care, guardianship, adoption and prevention services.

Title IV-E Prevention Program Reporting = States electing the title IV-E prevention program must report child-specific data to the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) for each child who receives title IV-E prevention services.

TSSF = Targeted Safety Supports Funds.