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Wisconsin Counties Receive Award for Child Care Performance

(MADISON) – In recognition of twenty-eight Wisconsin counties plus the WREA Consortium meeting all performance standards in the administration of the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program, the counties' human services departments were presented with a Certificate of Excellence today by the Department of Children and Families. The awards were presented at the annual conference of the Wisconsin County Human Services Association in Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

“In 2014, the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program helped more than 46,000 low income families pay for (the) safe, regulated child care they needed in order to work or prepare for work,” said Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson. “Counties that meet the Department of Children and Families' high performance standards are doing the best job of helping these families get and keep child care with minimal disruption. We recognize and thank counties for this achievement, which benefits both families and employers.”

The counties earned the certificate of excellence by maintaining short phone call wait times and improving document processing for parents in need of child care services, and also by meeting the new standards for a high level of accuracy in eligibility processing.

The new performance standards were put in place in 2013 in consultation between the Department of Children and Families and the Wisconsin County Human Services Association. The child care standards exhibited by the following counties directly translates into a high level of services to families, high accuracy in program administration, and conscientious stewardship of the state and federal funds that support the child care subsidy program: Ashland, Calumet, Columbia, Dunn, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green Lake, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Marinette, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Price, Racine, Richland, Rusk, Sauk, Shawano, Taylor, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Wood, and the WREA Consortium.

Visit the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families website at www.dcf.wi.gov for more information on the Wisconsin Shares child care system.