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Wisconsin Counties Receive Award for Child Care Performance

(MADISON) - In recognition of twenty-six Wisconsin counties and 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 by the Department of Children and Families. The awards were presented at the annual conference of the Wisconsin County Human Services Association in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

"The Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy serves the important role of helping low-income parents get the child care they need in order to work, look for work, or receive the skills training needed to successfully enter the workforce," said Department of Children and Families Secretary Eloise Anderson. "Counties that meet the Department of Children and Families' high performance standards are providing a vital service to families by helping them move towards true financial security and independence while also helping our children get the early education they need to be successful in school."

The counties earned the certificate of excellence by providing timely service to parents in need of child care services and meeting the standards for a high level of accuracy in eligibility processing.

The 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 performance 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: Adams, Ashland, Chippewa, Columbia, Crawford, Door, Dunn, Florence, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Iron, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Lafayette, Milwaukee Early Care Administration (MECA), Oconto, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Polk, Price, Sawyer, Shawano, Sheboygan, Taylor, Vilas, and the WREA Consortium.

Learn more about the Wisconsin Shares Child Care subsidy on the DCF website at www.dcf.wisconsin.gov.