

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Department of Children and Families

Appendix U to 2014 State and County Contract Covering Children and Families Programs

Appendix Title: Post-Reunification Support (P.S.) Program (CORE line: 3341)

It is further understood and agreed by both parties through this attachment to the State and County Contract Covering Children and Families Programs that:

I. Additional funds issued for the P.S. program.

Funding is provided through a title IV-E demonstration waiver authority, approved by the Children's Bureau of the Administration for Children and Families on September 30, 2012.

Per the demonstration waiver authority, the Department will provide funding to the county for enrolled children at a rate of \$36.13 per day (\$1,100 per month) for up to 12 months. Funding will be provided on CORE line 3341 for children and families enrolled in the P.S. program during calendar year 2014.

Grantees will be awarded these funds for a period of one year; a unilateral amendment to this agreement will be processed by the Division of Safety and Permanence to account for service periods that extend into calendar year 2015.

The attached schedule provides the initial award limits that will be issued under this agreement. These initial limits reflect the projected number of children who will meet the Re-entry Prevention Model threshold for program enrollment. Counties may be asked to participate in subsequent re-obligation and/or de-obligation of funds as needed over the contract period.

Funds authorized under this amendment may be used by the County for the purposes of supporting families enrolled in the P.S. Program, as described in the updated Program Statement, available at:

<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/children/TitleIV-E/demonstration/default.htm>

Key program conditions for continued receipt of funding include:

- Conducting and documenting child and family contacts by case type, legal status, and enrollment month requirements;
- Documenting Case Plans as needed at required intervals;
- Completion of CANS assessments as needed and at required intervals during the 12 month service period, including both the Child and Caregiver modules;
- Participation with required independent evaluation requirements, including monthly verification of services received by enrolled families; and
- Cost reporting associated with these services.

II. Fiscal Conditions on the Earnings of the Additional Funds

Funds awarded under this contract must be used to support expansion of post-reunification support and may not be used to supplant moneys otherwise available and, prior to receipt of these funds, dedicated by the grantee to child welfare expenditures.

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Program expenditures must be reasonable, necessary, and provide a direct benefit to the children and families enrolled in the program. Unallowable costs include those not directly related to program needs, as well as explicitly unallowable costs listed in Chapter IV of the Department's Allowable Cost Manual:

http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/contractsgrants/pdf/allowable_cost_manual.pdf

Further guidance will be issued regarding the use of P.S. as match for other federally funded programs.

The following reinvestment requirement applies to the County:

- By the end of calendar year 2015, the County must begin serving one (1) child for a period of 12 months using existing funding for every 36 months of funding received from the Department in 2014-15 to support children and families enrolled in 2014;
- The County must meet its reinvestment requirement before additional children will be enrolled at Department expense; and
- Funding increments of less than 36 months will be applied towards the calculation of the following year's reinvestment requirement.

III. Fiscal and Client Reporting on the Use of the Additional Funds

The County will provide timely verification of services received and expenditure data in a format to be jointly developed by the Department and participating counties. This information will be used for the purposes of conducting a comprehensive program evaluation as well as periodic reconciliation of program expenditures.

Counties continuing to participate in the program can retain a 10% reserve of program funds, and will be required to refund balances in excess of the reserve threshold. Failure to provide the required information will result in the loss of these funds by the County and their repayment by the County to the Department.

IV. Request for Funding for Additional Enrollees

An additional statewide pool of funding is available for counties whose eligible enrollees exceed the initial contract amounts. Department approval of additional funding is contingent on County compliance with the program conditions outlined in section I. The Department will issue instructions regarding how counties can request funding from the statewide funding pool.