



## Residential Care Centers, Group Homes, Shelter Care Facilities, and Child-Placing Agencies – Barred Charges with Certain Conditions Under Wis. Stat. s. 48.685

Under the newly enacted Ethan’s Law, residential care centers, group homes, shelter care facilities, and child-placing agencies are now barred from employing or contracting with a caregiver or congregate care worker who has been charged with any of the offenses below if the charge was pleaded no contest to, or was dismissed or amended as part of a plea agreement. These same prohibitions apply to nonclient residents.

Wis. Stat.	Charged, and charge was pleaded no contest to, or was dismissed or amended as part of a plea agreement
948.02(1) or (2)	1st and 2nd degree sexual assault of the same child
948.025	Repeated acts of sexual assault of the same child
948.03 (2) or (5)(a)1., 2., 3., or 4.	Physical abuse of a child, intentional causation of bodily harm, or engaging in repeated acts of physical abuse to the same child
948.05	Sexual exploitation of a child
948.051	Trafficking of a child
948.055	Causing a child to view or listen to sexual activity
948.06	Incest with a child
948.07	Child enticement
948.08	Soliciting a child for prostitution
948.081	Patronizing a child
948.085	Sexual assault of a child placed in substitute care
948.11(2)(a) or (am)	Exposing a child to harmful material or harmful descriptions or narrations (felony)
948.12	Possession of child pornography
948.13	Child sex offender working with children
948.21	Neglecting a child
948.215	Chronic neglect of a child
948.30	Abduction of another's child; constructive custody
948.53	Child unattended in child care vehicle

Note: Any comparable offense under federal or another state’s law has the same effect as crimes and offenses included on this list.

Note: This appendix is based solely on Wis. Stat. 48.685 (4m) (b) 2. and 2m. created by Ethan’s Law. Convictions, delinquency adjudications, and administrative decisions that were bars to working at these entities prior to the enactment of Ethan’s Law are still applicable.

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