



Bureau of Youth Services

Grant Programs



Anti-Human Trafficking Grants (AHT)

The Anti-Human Trafficking grants fund services and supports for young people who have experienced sex trafficking while under the age of 18. Programs funded under this grant provide a variety of services including, but not limited to, multidisciplinary team facilitation, case coordination and referrals, case management, outreach services, and training and technical assistance. See <https://DCF.Wisconsin.gov/YS/AHT>.

- **Youth Population Served:** Youth up to age 21 who have experienced sex trafficking while under 18
- **Agencies Eligible for Grant:** Counties, tribes, and public, private, and government entities
- **Contract Length:** One year with four renewals



Brighter Futures Initiative Grants (BFI)

The Brighter Futures Initiative (BFI) grants fund evidence based, positive youth development and prevention programs that focus on one of the following outcomes: healthy families and youth, school success for youth, youth safety in their families and communities and successful navigation from adolescence to adulthood. Each program reflects the unique needs and resources of each community. Many projects consist of partnerships between agencies in order to maximize resources by using a cross-systems approach. See <https://DCF.Wisconsin.gov/YS/Brighterfutures>.

- **Youth Population Served:** Youth between the ages of 12 and 21 in or at risk of entering the child welfare or youth justice systems (programs may select a sub-set of this age range)
- **Agencies Eligible for Grant:** In Milwaukee County, tribes, public and non-profit agencies. In the Balance of State, counties and tribes
- **Contract Length:** One year with two renewals



Permanent Connections, Academics, Training and Employment, Housing and Social and Emotional Well-Being Grants (PATHS)

A sustainable housing program to address youth and young adult homelessness and improve the following outcomes: Permanent connections, Academics, Training and employment, Housing and Social and emotional well-being. The program encompasses the PATHS key components of a Housing First model through supported independent living; comprehensive and targeted treatment through intensive case management and wraparound services; and multi-disciplinary community partnerships to address youths' individual needs.

- **Youth Population Served:** Youth between the ages of 17 and 21 with child welfare experience
- **Agencies Eligible for Grant:** Counties, tribes, and public, private, and government entities
- **Contract Length:** One year with four renewals

Runaway and Homeless Youth Grants (RHY)

The goal of the RHY Program is to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness in Wisconsin and prevent youth from becoming homeless by ensuring that youth and their families have the services and supports they need. To accomplish this, grantees implement holistic RHY Programs that: 1. Promote safe and stable housing 2. Develop permanent connections 3. Promote health and wellbeing to support self-sufficiency. See <https://DCF.Wisconsin.gov/YS/RHY>.

- **Youth Population Served:** Youth between the ages of 12 and 21 (programs may select a subset of this age range)
- **Agencies Eligible for Grant:** Counties, tribes, and public, private, and government entities
- **Contract Length:** One year with four renewals

Tribal Independent Living Grants (TIL)

This program serves youth currently or formerly in Indian Child Welfare (ICW) within the five independent living domains of housing, health and wellbeing, permanent connections, employment and education with an emphasis on preserving cultural connections. See <https://DCF.Wisconsin.gov/YS/IndependentLiving>.

- **Youth Population Served:** Young people between the ages of 14-23 (or a subset of that age group as determined by the ICW Agency) who experienced/are experiencing out-of-home care through ICW in a way that makes them eligible for services.
- **Agencies Eligible for Grant:** Indian Child Welfare Agencies of the 11 Federally Recognized Tribes in Wisconsin
- **Contract Length:** One year

Independent Living Transition Resource Agency Grants (TRA)

Transition Resource Agencies (TRAs) serve youth in Wisconsin who have aged out of out-of-home care (OHC) through the child welfare system (including youth justice) within the five independent living domains of housing, health and wellbeing, permanent connections, employment and education.

- **Youth Population Served:** Young people between the ages of 18 and 23 who have experienced and exited out-of-home care in a way that makes them eligible for services.
- **Agencies Eligible for Grant:** County human service agencies, tribes, and public, private, and government entities
- **Contract Length:** One year with four renewals

Youth Justice Innovation Grants (YJ)

The Youth Justice Innovation Grants are an opportunity for county human service agencies to implement new, creative, evidence-informed practices or programs with short-term start-up funding from DCF. All projects must serve the overall purpose of improving community-based juvenile delinquency-related services and for 2026, needed to meet the requirements of one of the following topic areas: Reducing YJ Referrals, Pre-Court Diversion, Post-Dispositional Services, or Continuation. See <https://DCF.Wisconsin.gov/YS/YJ> > innovative practice tab

- **Youth Population Served:** Youth between the ages of 10 and 16 who satisfy the original jurisdictional requirements of [Chapter 938 Delinquency](#)
- **Agencies Eligible for Grant:** County Human Service Agencies
- **Contract Length:** Initial Grant – 12 months; Continuation Grant – 12 months

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Current Grantee List

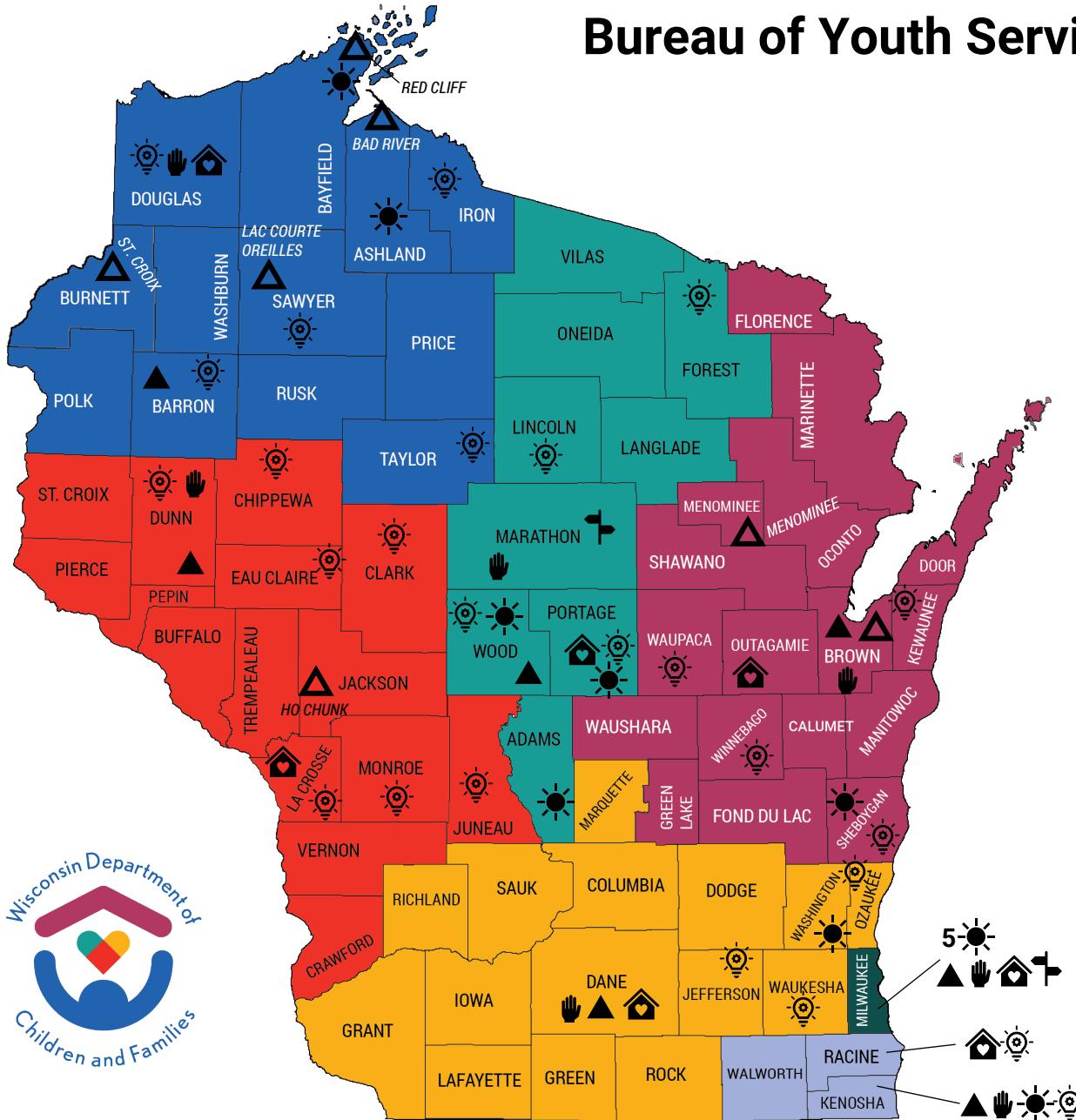
Agency Name	AHT	BFI	PATHS	RHY	TIL	TRA	YJ
Adams County Health and Human Services Department							
Ashland County Health and Human Services Department							
Bad River Social and Family Services							
Barron County Department of Health and Human Services							
Bay Area Workforce Development Board, Green Bay							
Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge, La Crosse							
Boys and Girls Club of the Fox Valley, Appleton							
Briarpatch Youth Services, Madison							
Brightwater Health, Superior							
CAP Services, Stevens Point							
Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services, Kenosha							
Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services, Milwaukee							
Chippewa County Department of Human Services							
Clark County Social Services							
Community Advocates, Inc., Milwaukee							
CW Solutions, Wausau							
Diverse and Resilient, Milwaukee							
Douglas County Department of Health and Human Services							
Dunn County Department of Human Services							
Eau Claire County Department of Human Services							
Employ Milwaukee, Milwaukee							

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Forest County Human Services Department							
Grateful Girls							
Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services							
House of Hope Green Bay							
Iron County Human Services							
Jefferson County Human Service Department							
Juneau County Department of Human Services							
Kenosha County Human Services Department							
Kenosha Human Development Services							
Kewaunee County Department of Human Services							
La Causa Crisis Nursery and Respite Center, Milwaukee							
La Courte Oreilles Indian Child Welfare and Family Services Department							
La Crosse Human Services Department							
Lad Lake							
Lincoln County Department of Social Services							
Menominee Tribal Social Services							
Monroe Department of Human Services							
Oneida Nation							
Ozaukee County Human Services							
Pathfinders, Milwaukee			 				
Portage County Department of Health and Human Services							
Racine County Human Services Department							
Red Cliff Family and Human Services							
Running Rebels Community Organization, Milwaukee							

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SAFE Haven of Racine, Racine							
St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin Community Services							
Sawyer County Health and Human Services							
Sheboygan Health and Human Services Department							
Taylor County Human Services Department							
Washburn County Health and Human Services Department							
Washington County Human Services Department							
Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services							
Waupaca County Department of Health and Human Services							
Wellpoint Care Network, Milwaukee							
Winnebago County Human Services							
Wood County Human Services Department							
Workforce Development Board of South Central Wisconsin, Madison							
Workforce Resource, Inc., Rice Lake							

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