

Department of Children and Families Overview

Tribal Consultation Meeting
May 8, 2019



Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

Department of Children and Families Vision and Priorities

Our department's vision is that all Wisconsin children and youth are safe and loved members of thriving families and communities. To reach our goal, we are focused on reducing racial and ethnic disparities in our programs and services, focusing on five key priorities:

Systematically increasing access to quality early care and education programs that support the needs of children and families statewide;

Putting families in the center of successful child support and good-paying jobs programs;

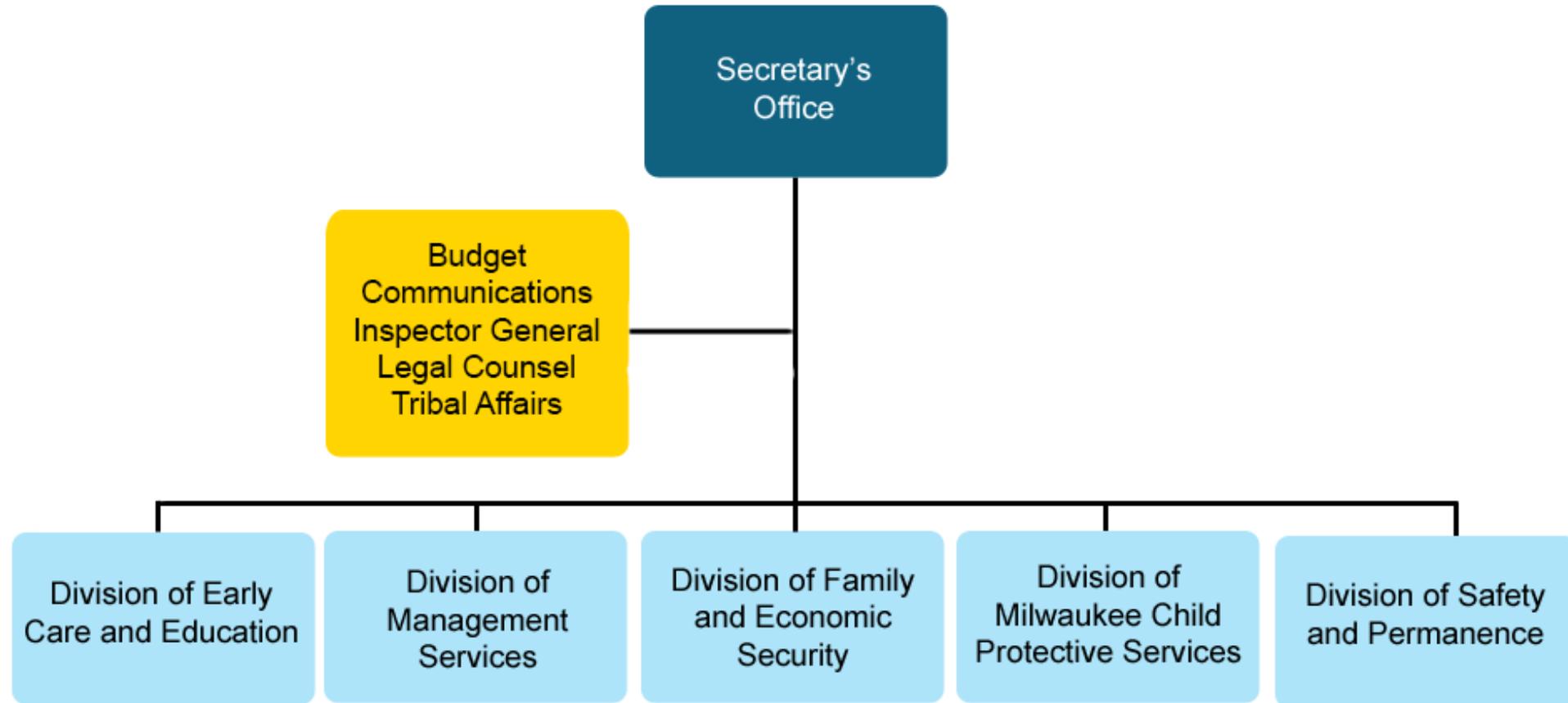
Safely transforming the child welfare and youth justice system to dramatically increase the proportion of children supported in their homes and communities;

Dedicating additional resources to support vulnerable and historically underserved youth, specifically teenage girls, kids with complex care needs, and youth transitioning out of the foster care system;

Fostering a workplace where agency staff feel engaged, valued, and connected to our vision



Organizational Structure



Department of Children and Families

Agency Description

The Secretary administers the Department with the assistance of an appointed Deputy Secretary, Assistant Deputy Secretary, and Administrators for the Department's divisions:

Division of Early Care and Education

Division of Family and Economic Security

Division of Management Services

Division of Safety and Permanence

Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services



DCF Tribal Liaison – Steph Lozano

- Agenda
 - Packet
 - 2019 Action Plan
1. Tribal Success Stories
 2. Families First Prevention Act
 3. Shares and New Administrator Training
 4. eWiSACWIS Access
 5. Protective Plan Policy
 6. Tailored CW Court Orders
 7. CW Training
 8. TEACH Scholarship
 9. ESSA
 10. Rehabilitation Reviews



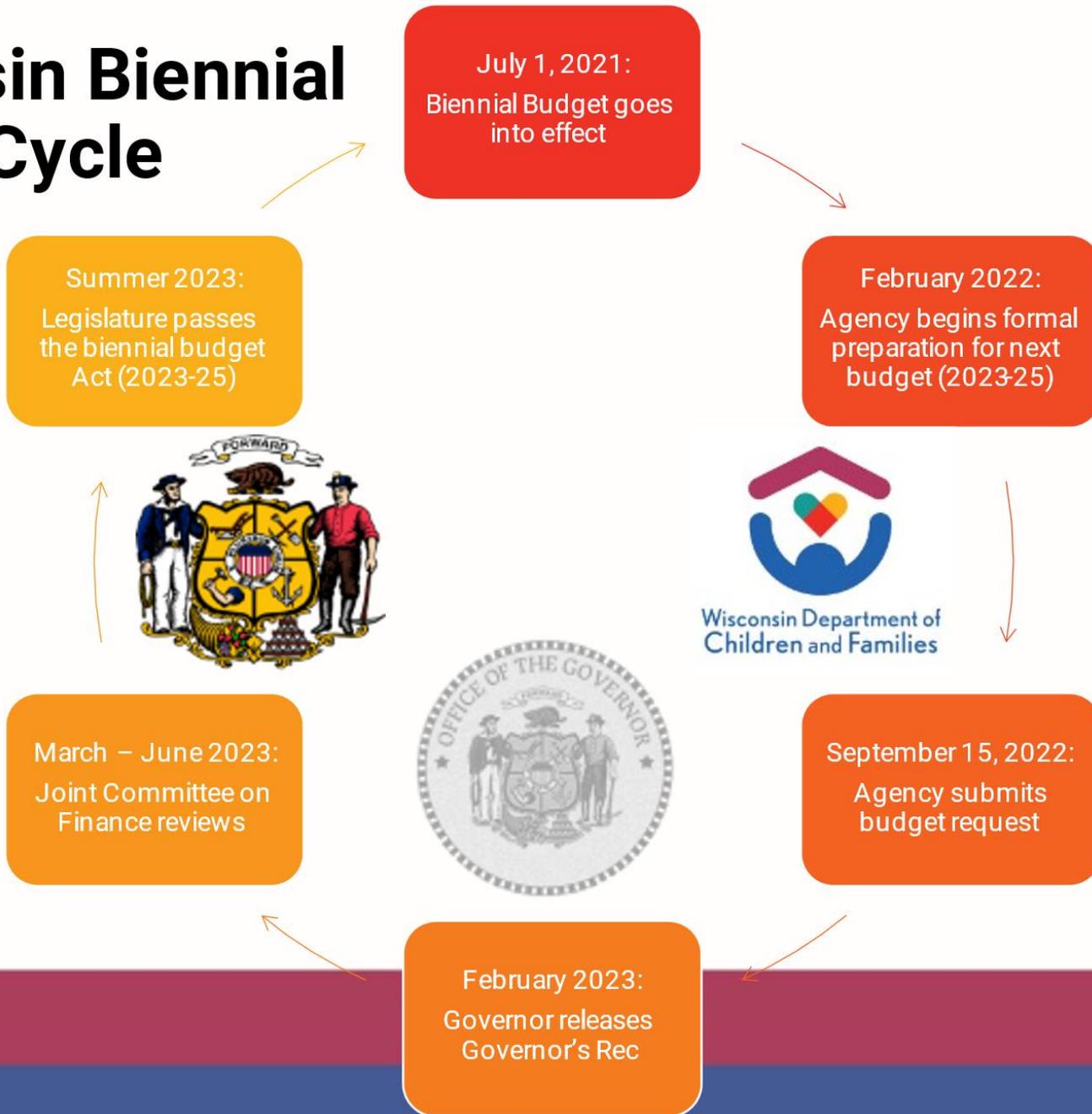
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2021-22 Legislative Session Update

- Bills of interest signed into law and vetoed by Governor Evers
- Bills of interest that failed to pass the Assembly and Senate but will likely be reintroduced next session (along with *Brackeen v. Haaland* implications)
- Legislative proposals DCF submitted to the Law Revision Committee that were not moved forward this session

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Wisconsin Biennial Budget Cycle



Division of Management Services



The Division of Management Services is responsible for providing the administrative support services including the following key functions: Budget, Finance, Information Technology, Performance Management and Regional Operations, Agency Operations, Continuity of Operations (COOP).



Division of Early Care and Education

The Division of Early Care and Education (DECE) has five bureaus whose mission is to provide families in Wisconsin with access to affordable, high-quality child care and early education experiences to enhance their children's development and support families in work and parenting roles.

Activities include:

- **Licensing and Certification** – managing child care regulation
- **Wisconsin Shares** – overseeing the child care subsidy program, program integrity, and administration in Milwaukee County
- **Quality ECE Programming**– managing YoungStar and child care quality rating and improvement system activities
- **ECE Workforce** – overseeing initiatives related to recruitment and retention for ECE programs
- **B-5 ECE System** – leading the Head Start State Collaboration Office and Preschool Development Grant



Division of Family and Economic Security (DFES)

The Division of Family and Economic Security (DFES) has 4 bureaus whose mission is to ensure families and individuals achieve financial and social stability.

The Division oversees the following programs:

- Wisconsin Works (W-2)
- Transform Milwaukee Jobs and Transitional Jobs
- Emergency Assistance
- Community Services Block Grant Funding
- Numerous Refugee Programs
- Child Support



Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP)

The Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) has the program responsibility to oversee the statewide child welfare system and the youth justice system. DSP efforts are guided by the following vision and priorities.

Putting Families First Vision: All children and youth are safe and loved members of thriving families and communities.

This Effort has Four Key Priorities

1. To strengthen local communities + build services to support families in their homes.
2. To keep children in family settings whenever possible.
3. To improve the group care system.
4. To support the child welfare workforce with solutions and improvements.

The child welfare system in Wisconsin is county-administered, with the exception of Milwaukee County where the state runs child welfare through the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS). The youth justice system is county-administered throughout the state.



Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS)-Overview

- DMCPS has responsibility for providing child protective services functions in Milwaukee County. Its vision is safe children and healthy families in Milwaukee County.
- DMCPS is the only direct-service division of the Department of Children and Families. It is comprised of two Bureaus and 4 stand-alone sections
 - Access section, Initial Assessment Bureau, Medical/Behavioral Health Services Section, Ongoing Services Section, Professional Development Section, Quality Operations Bureau
- DMCPS has direct responsibility for receiving and responding to calls of child abuse and/or neglect. It is responsible for evaluating the safety of children and taking measures to control for safety as needed in family homes.
- DMCPS contracts with two external agencies to provide in-home safety services and ongoing case management for children who are put on orders under Chapter 48
 - Children's Wisconsin and Wellpoint Care Network

