

Funding and Programs

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The 2021 Tribal Consultation Policy states: each agency shall create a list of programs and services available to Tribes, including an overview listed by agency division/bureau/section, with staff listing, contact information, and summary. Below are the DCF programs and funding opportunities that are available to tribal nations.

Program Name:	Domestic Violence		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Statewide Domestic Abuse Services		
Funding Cycle:	Annual funding is available on a Calendar Year cycle; there will be a 5-year contract period beginning 2023 with RFP to be issued in April 2022		
Description (Purpose):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide accessible, trauma-sensitive, culturally-responsive crisis, safety and support services for victims/survivors of domestic abuse and their children; • To provide accessible, effective and culturally-appropriate services to survivors of domestic abuse from traditionally underserved groups and from across the life span; • Educate the community about issues related to domestic abuse; • Promote a coordinated community response to domestic abuse; and • Promote the social change necessary to end domestic abuse. 		
Target Population:	Domestic abuse survivors/victims and their families		
Program Requirements:	Advocacy and Counseling; Information, Referral and Follow-up services; and Community Education. If Residential Services are being provided, program requirements also include 24-hour crisis line; temporary housing and food; arrangements for the education of school-age children; and emergency transportation to shelter.		
Funding Stream(s):	Federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) and state GPR		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Stacey Cicero Stacey.Cicero@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Domestic Violence		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Children's Programming		
Funding Cycle:	Annual funding is available on a Calendar Year cycle; there will be a 5-year contract period beginning 2023 with RFP to be issued in April 2022		

Description (Purpose):	Provide services to children and youth exposed to domestic violence and their protective parents or to serving victims of teen dating violence		
Target Population:	Children and youth exposed to domestic violence or victims of teen dating violence		
Program Requirements:	Survey collection from program participants		
Funding Stream(s):	State GPR		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Stacey Cicero Stacey.Cicero@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Domestic Violence		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Domestic Abuse Services to Traditionally Underrepresented Populations		
Funding Cycle:	Annual funding is available on a Calendar Year cycle; there will be a 5-year contract period beginning 2023 with RFP to be issued in April 2022		
Description (Purpose):	<p>The goals of the Domestic Abuse Services to Traditionally Underrepresented Populations grants are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to provide accessible, trauma-sensitive, and culturally- and linguistically appropriate services to traditionally underrepresented victims/survivors of domestic abuse; • to identify and eliminate barriers to safety and enhance services for traditionally underrepresented victims/survivors of domestic abuse; • to promote the leadership of individuals and communities from traditionally underrepresented populations in the planning, delivery, and evaluation of domestic abuse services and in formulating community responses to domestic abuse 		
Target Population:	<p>FVPSA defines underserved populations as “populations who face barriers in accessing and using victim services, and includes populations underserved because of geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, and populations underserved because of special needs including language barriers, disabilities, immigration status, and age. Individuals with criminal histories due to victimization and individuals with substance use disorders and mental health issues are also included in this definition. The reference to racial and ethnic populations is primarily directed toward racial and ethnic minority groups (as defined in section 1707(g) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300(u-6)(g)), which means American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos and Aleuts); Asian Americans; Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders; Blacks and Hispanics. The term “Hispanic” or “Latino” means individuals who origin is Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or any other Spanish-speaking county.</p>		
Program Requirements:	Survey collection from program participants		

Funding Stream(s):	State GPR		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Stacey Cicero Stacey.Cicero@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Sexual Assault Support Services to Tribes		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	One time grant		
Funding Cycle:	Funding cycle will begin as soon as possible in the 2023; funds will be available until Sept 30, 2025		
Description (Purpose):	To provide support services to victims of sexual assault		
Target Population:	Victims of sexual assault		
Program Requirements:	Pending federal FVPSA criteria		
Funding Stream(s):	Federal FVPSA American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) funds		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Stacey Cicero Stacey.Cicero@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Family Foundations Home Visiting Program (FFHV)		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Annual funding is available on a Federal Fiscal Year cycle; there will be a multiple year contract period beginning with FFY 2026 with RFP to be issued in early 2025		
Funding Cycle:	Contracts are awarded on a Federal Fiscal Year cycle October 1 – September 30		
Description (Purpose):	Through the state’s FFHV program, local Lead Implementing Agencies (LIAs) aim to improve maternal, child, and family outcomes in at-risk communities through the provision of voluntary, high-quality, evidence-based home visiting programming and coordination with needed services.		
Target Population:	<p>Eligible families who reside in communities in need of such services, as identified in the statewide needs assessment, taking into account the staffing, community resources, and other requirements to operate at least one approved model of home visiting and demonstrate improvements for eligible families as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income families; • Families with pregnant women who have not attained age 21; • Families that have a history of child abuse or neglect or have had interactions with child welfare services; • Families that have a history of substance abuse or need substance abuse treatment; • Families that have users of tobacco products in the home; • Families that are or have children with low student achievement; • Families with children with developmental delays or disabilities; and 		

	Families that include individuals who are serving or formerly served in the Armed Forces, including such families that have members of the Armed Forces who have had multiple deployments outside of the United States.		
Program Requirements:	FFHV program requests implementation by an LIA of one of the following approved Evidenced Based Home Visiting Models: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Families of America • Parents as Teachers • Nurse Family Partnership • Early Head Start Home Visiting • Family Spirit 		
Funding Stream(s):	DCF braids funding from the following sources for the FFHV program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State General Purpose Revenue (GPR) • Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) • Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Federal Grant 		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	FFHV Program Coordinator: Terri Enters Terri2.Enters@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Targeted Safety Supports Funding (TSSF)		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Annual funding is available with an application. An application for funding is issued in the fall prior to the start of a Calendar Year funding cycle.		
Description (Purpose):	TSSF can be used when a County or Tribal Child Welfare Agency finds that a child is unsafe, but a plan is implemented to keep the child in their home. Funding provided by TSSF is available to participating agencies to support services, both formal and informal, during the critical phases of protective and safety planning intervention.		
Target Population:	Families with children who have been identified to be unsafe who could remain in their family homes through the implementation of protective or safety plan put in place to ensure child safety.		
Program Requirements:	TSSF is available for agencies to be reimbursed the cost of select services used during in-home protective and safety planning intervention.		
Funding Stream(s):	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BSWB	DCF Contact Name:	Kat Kosmaule Kathryn.Kosmaule@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Brighter Futures Initiative (BFI) Program		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	3 year		
Description (Purpose):	The purpose of BFI is to promote healthy families and youth; school success for youth; youth safety in their families and communities; and successful navigation from adolescence to adulthood.		

Target Population:	The target population for BFI programs is youth between the ages of 12 and 21 in or at risk of entering the child welfare or juvenile justice system.		
Program Requirements:	<p>The goal of BFI is to help youth achieve their maximum potential by using a community-based, positive youth development approach to increase adolescent self-sufficiency while preventing pregnancy, substance abuse, delinquency, and child abuse and neglect.</p> <p>The Initiative supports evidence-based prevention strategies focusing on the following legislative outcomes set forth in s. 48.545, Wis. Stats., Brighter Futures Initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent and reduce the incidence of youth violence and other delinquent behavior; • Prevent and reduce the incidence of youth alcohol and other drug use and abuse; • Prevent and reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect; • Prevent and reduce the incidence of non-marital pregnancy and increase the use of abstinence to prevent non-marital pregnancy; and • Increase adolescent self-sufficiency by encouraging high school graduation, vocational preparedness, improved social and other interpersonal skills and responsible decision-making. 		
Funding Stream(s):	Three sources of funding, state General Purpose Revenue (GPR), federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and federal Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant (SAPTBG) are blended for BFI funding.		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BYS	DCF Contact Name:	Faith Price Faith.Price1@Wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Independent Living		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Federal Fiscal Year		
Description (Purpose):	Supports and services to qualifying youth in out-of-home care or aged out of out-of-home care to support their needs/goals to become stable and self-sufficient adults. Broadly, this relates to services/supports in the areas of employment, education, housing, health and well-being, and permanent connections.		
Target Population:	IL-eligible youth ages 14-21; tribes may elect to serve a subset of qualifying population		
Program Requirements:	<p>The program has the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth input into programs • Collaboration with stakeholders • Creation of annual budget and annual work plan • Biannual outcome reporting 		
Funding Stream(s):	Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (Chafee program)		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BYS	DCF Contact Name:	Greta Munns Margaret.Munns@wisconsin.gov

Program Name:	Independent Living (IL), including Education and Training Voucher (ETV) funds		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Referral to Transition Resource Agencies (TRAs)		
Funding Cycle:	For TRAs, calendar year		
Description (Purpose):	Youth who are IL-eligible following discharge from care and primarily served by a tribal child welfare agency may access additional independent living supports via one of the state's seven TRAs. This includes supports and services related to the areas of employment, education, housing, health and well-being, and permanent connections. Specific to postsecondary education, eligible youth may access Education and Training Voucher (ETV) funds via the TRAs. This financial assistance, also known in Wisconsin as Brighter Star, is to help reduce the financial burden for qualifying youth enrolled in postsecondary education/training.		
Target Population:	Aged out youth ages 18-21 for general IL supports; age 23 for ETV only		
Program Requirements:	For Independent Living & Education and Training Voucher funds, Tribal Child Welfare Agencies refers youth to a Transition Resource Agency (TRA) using the Tribal Child Welfare IL and Brighter Star Referral Guide. For Education Training Voucher funds programs must also complete a youth education plan.		
Funding Stream(s):	Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (Chafee program)		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BYS	DCF Contact Name:	Kelsey Hill KelseyR.Hill@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Runaway and Homeless Youth Program		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	RHY runs CY, i.e. Jan-Dec for regional RHY programs		
Description (Purpose):	To reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness and prevent homelessness by ensuring that youth and their families have the services they need. The goals of the program include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe & stable housing • Increase permanent connections • Support self-sufficiency • Improve health outcomes 		
Target Population:	Youth and young adults ages 12-21 who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have run away • Are At-Risk of Running Away • Are Homeless • Imminent Risk of Becoming Homeless 		
Program Requirements:	The following are program requirements for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report outcomes to DCF annually and biannually, via HMIS • Comply with site visits at least once every three years by DCF staff 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff must meet qualifications to provide services (i.e. background checks, training, etc.) • Funds cannot supplant current salaries • Consistent targeted intake assessments must be completed • Grantee must meet goals listed above under “Description (Purpose)” 		
Funding Stream(s):	CFDA No 93.645 (Fed) & \$50,000 GPR (State)		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BYS	DCF Contact Name:	Greta Munns Margaret.Munns@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Support Services for Sex Trafficking Survivors		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Fiscal Year (new first-time RFP released spring 2022)		
Description (Purpose):	The purpose is to provide support to survivors of sex trafficking via the following services: case management, support groups, mentoring, advocacy and accompaniment, multidisciplinary team coordination, or other related and complementary services, including culturally relevant methods of care.		
Target Population:	Adolescents and/or young adults up to age 21 who have experienced sex trafficking while under the age of 18.		
Program Requirements:	Programs will be required to provide DCF with a concise summary documenting accomplishments, outreach efforts, program evaluation and outcomes monthly.		
Funding Stream(s):	State GPR appropriation 190		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BYS	DCF Contact Name:	Asia Jackson Asia.Jackson@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Title IV-E Reimbursement for Legal Services		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Calendar Year		
Description (Purpose):	Title IV-E Legal Services program provides partial reimbursement funding to support the <i>expansion</i> of legal services for child welfare programs related to protecting the safety of children and achieving permanence for children in out-of-home care. Under this program, federal IV-E funds are provided on a pass-through basis to counties to support staff costs and other IV-E allowable expenses that are dedicated to expanding the ability to perform child welfare legal actions under Chapter 48.		
Target Population:	Child Welfare		
Program Requirements:	In a program application, Tribes must describe their staffing and related expenditures that represent its “baseline” expenditures and the <i>expansion</i> of legal services in IV-E allowable categories for which partial title IV-E reimbursement is requested.		

Funding Stream(s):	Title IV-E		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BCRA	DCF Contact Name:	DCF IV-E Program dcfiv-eprogram@wisconsin.gov https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/title4e
Program Name:	Title IV-E Legal Representation for Parents		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Calendar Year		
Description (Purpose):	To provide funding to support high quality legal representation for parents and children in all stages of child welfare proceedings under Chapter 48.		
Target Population:	Child Welfare		
Program Requirements:	Tribes can apply to participate in the title IV-E legal client representation program by submitting a proposed budget, program application describing planned legal representation activities; and agreement(s) between the human/social services department and the court system paying for representation to the clients describing the services that will be provided.		
Funding Stream(s):	Title IV-E		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BCRA	DCF Contact Name:	DCF IV-E Program dcfiv-eprogram@wisconsin.gov https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/title4e
Program Name:	Tribal/State Title IV-E Pass-Through Agreements		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Quarterly (based on DCF Title IV-E Claiming Cycle)		
Description (Purpose):	Indian tribes, tribal organizations, or tribal consortiums can request to develop an agreement with the State to administer all or part of a Title IV-E program on behalf of Indian children under the authority of the tribe, tribal organization, or tribal consortium. The scope of specific agreements may include claiming for administrative costs, foster care maintenance, guardianship, or adoption assistance payments on behalf of children who are placed in State or tribally licensed foster family homes. The Department will also coordinate with any Tribe interested in a direct Tribal/Federal IV-E agreement to ensure tribal access to resources for administration, training, and data collection available under title IV-E.		
Target Population:	Tribal children who are placed in State or tribally licensed foster family homes or being served in the family home to prevent a child's removal from his or her home		
Program Requirements:	A signed Tribal/State Title IV-E Financial Agreement, submission of quarterly cost reports, and participation in a Title IV-E Tribal Time Study		

Funding Stream(s):	Title IV-E		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BCRA	DCF Contact Name:	DCF IV-E Program dcfiv-eprogram@wisconsin.gov https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/title4e
Program Name:	eWiSACWIS – Title IV-E Pass Through		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Calendar Year		
Description (Purpose):	Title IV-E reimbursement may be available to provide funding to Tribes to support the current allowable federal share of the costs claimed for WiSACWIS related operating expenses. These costs can include tribal staff salary, fringe, travel, supplies, and equipment for any agency in the Tribe that supports the WiSACWIS system.		
Target Population:	Child Welfare		
Program Requirements:	Tribes complete an eWiSACWIS budget form to determine the budget for the contract period. Actual reimbursement will depend on the amount of allowable costs reported by the Tribe for the CY contract period and the percentage of IV-E match for these costs as determined by the Department. The IV-E reimbursement is treated as a pass-through to the tribe and is not subject to the limitations of the State/Tribe Families Services and Child Welfare Contract.		
Funding Stream(s):	Title IV-E		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BCRA	DCF Contact Name:	DCF IV-E Program dcfiv-eprogram@wisconsin.gov https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/title4e
Program Name:	High-Cost Pool Fund		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Cost reimbursement		
Funding Cycle:	Calendar Year		
Description (Purpose):	Reimburses counties or tribes for the placement costs of high-cost placements of Indian children.		
Target Population:	Indian children placed in out-of-home care by a Tribal Court that is in Wisconsin.		
Program Requirements:	Counties or tribes are eligible to receive reimbursement for unexpected or unusually high-costs for out-of-home care placements of Indian children who are under the jurisdiction of tribal courts. High-Cost is statutorily defined to mean out-of-home care placements that exceeds \$50,000. There is a total of \$642,500/fiscal year allocated for the program that is dispersed through a prorated system.		

Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BPOHC	DCF Contact Name:	Tania Cornelius Tania.Cornelius@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Adoption Assistance		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Direct family payment with a signed adoption assistance agreement		
Funding Cycle:	State fiscal year		
Description (Purpose):	Adoption Assistance payments are made to families when an eligible child's adoption is finalized either by a circuit court or tribal court. Families that adopt tribal children through a tribal customary adoption are also eligible.		
Target Population:	Families adopting special needs children. This includes tribal children adopted through tribal customary adoption		
Program Requirements:	Child must be eligible for adoptive family to receive adoption assistance. Tribal children are categorically eligible for adoption assistance.		
Funding Stream(s):	IV-E and GPR		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BPOHC	DCF Contact Name:	Apryl Rickert apryl.rickert@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Kinship		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Counties and tribes are allocated funds each year based on their reported SPARC & eWisACWIS expenditures. This includes data related to current caseloads and current waitlist. The Department may reallocate funds throughout a calendar year based on underspending.		
Funding Cycle:	Fed Fiscal Year for tribes		
Description (Purpose):	Kinship care is a program designed to help support a child who resides outside of his or her own home, either temporarily or long-term, with a relative.		
Target Population:	Family members caring for their relative either voluntarily or through a court-order.		
Program Requirements:	Relatives must complete all criminal background checks and cannot have any barred offenses, cooperate with the agency, and apply for other public assistance or benefits. See DCF 58 for details.		
Funding Stream(s):	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BPOHC	DCF Contact Name:	Holly Telfer holly.telfer@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Foster Parent Grants		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year		

Description (Purpose):	<p>2017 Wisconsin Act 260 provides \$400,000 in funding per fiscal year to the Department of Children and Families for grants to support foster parents and normalcy activities for children in out-of-home care. A memo and grant application is released yearly and sent to county agencies, tribes, and non-profit organizations. DSP Informational Memo Series 2021-11i provides additional information.</p> <p>https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/policy/pdf/memos/2021-11i.pdf</p>		
Target Population:	<p>Licensed relatives and foster parents providing care to children placed in through Child Welfare. Agencies may apply for funding in one or more of the following three topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentives for the retention of licensed relatives and foster parents; • Licensed relative and foster parent training activities; or <p>Reimbursement to licensed relatives and foster parents for foster care related expenses that allow for normalcy opportunities for children in out-of-home care.</p>		
Program Requirements:	<p>Agencies that are awarded the grant must submit an exit summary to the Department by September 1st each year following the end of the grant cycle.</p>		
Funding Stream(s):	GPR		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DSP/BPOHC	DCF Contact Name:	Jennifer Sailer DCFDSPGeneralFosterCare@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Family Services Program (FSP)		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	Annual		
Description (Purpose):	<p>Tribes may use the FSP funds to provide a broad array of services to children and families. The FSP allocation is a block grant containing multiple state and federal funding sources designed to give tribes flexibility in serving children and families. The DCF FSP funds can be used in conjunction with FSP funds from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS)</p>		
Target Population:	<p>Children and families in need of domestic abuse, child welfare prevention or permanency, self-sufficiency, youth or childcare services. Tribes can choose up to six (6) target areas to spend FSP funds.</p>		
Program Requirements:	<p>Tribes must submit an annual grant application indicating the target areas that will be served and a detailed budget indicating how the FSP funds will be spent. Expenses must be reported to the DCF fiscal system. Tribes must submit an annual FSP progress report indicating the number of persons served and program outcomes for those persons.</p>		
Funding Stream(s):	<p>The FSP allocations include primarily state GPR, federal Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF also known as Title IV-B Part 2) and federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. The tribal allocations are dependent on the state GRP budget and federal PSSF and CSBG grant awards to Wisconsin. No tribal match is required for the FSP funds.</p>		

Capacity Building:	The DCF Bureau of Regional Operations participates in quarterly tribal FSP director meetings, along with the DHS Tribal Affairs Unit. The FSP director meetings are used to provide technical assistance on children and family service issues. The DCF regional Area Administrators provide technical assistance to individual tribes on FSP applications, budgets, and annual reports.		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DMS/Bureau of Regional Operations	DCF Contact Name:	John Tuohy John.Tuohy@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Technical Assistance to Tribes		
Program Type:	Tribes operate children and family services programs, including child welfare, childcare, child support and cash assistance services, either under contract with DCF or under a direct relationship with the federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). For state contract programs, DCF provides technical assistance and conducts program monitoring. For direct federal programs, DCF provides technical assistance and the opportunity for tribes to use state data systems to manage cases and meet data reporting requirements.		
Capacity Building:	The DCF Bureau of Regional Operations is available to provide technical assistance to tribes, including attending tribal meetings to discuss program issues and conducting monitoring for state contract programs. DCF central office staff may also participate in tribal meetings to discuss program issues, arrange for tribal access to state data systems, and offer tribes advice on their direct federal programs.		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DMS/Bureau of Regional Operations	DCF Contact Name:	John Tuohy John.Tuohy@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Children First		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Contract		
Funding Cycle:	Annual		
Description (Purpose):	<p>Children First was developed to provide employment and job search services for noncustodial parents who are not paying child support due to being unemployed or underemployed. This is done through the provision of the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assessment regarding barriers to employment and an Employability Plan (EP) are completed. • Case management, to assist the NCP in finding and maintaining employment, skills training, and parenting skills services to promote self-sufficiency and responsible parenting. • Participation in a drug screen, drug test, or drug treatment when required. 		
Target Population:	<p>The target population for the Children First program is noncustodial parents who meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parent is 18 years of age or older. • The parent has a current child support order. • The parent either not paying or underpaying on the current support order. • The parent is legally able to work full-time. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parent works an average of less than 32 hours per week and is not participating in an employment and training program. • The parent earns less than he/she has the ability to earn or has an actual weekly gross income of less than 40 times the federal minimum hourly wage. • The parent resides in a county with a work experience and job training program under Wis. Stats. § 49.36. 		
Program Requirements:	<p>The program requirements for agencies contracting with DCF to provide Children First services are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract agencies are allowed flexibility in designing their program structure. However, all programs must comply with state statutes and state policies and procedures in administering the program. • Operation of the Children First program requires a formal partnership at the county or tribal level between the child support agency, the county/tribal judicial system,. • Children First agencies are also required to complete and submit a monthly survey which provides the number of CF participants screened, tested, and referred for drug treatment. • Program and policy reviews within child support agencies will be completed by Regional Administrators and will occur during regularly scheduled on-site visits. 		
Funding Stream(s):	State General Purpose Revenue (GPR) that is used as Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funds for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DFES/BCS	DCF Contact Name:	Alicia.Breininger@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Family Services Program (FSP)		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	Annual		
Description (Purpose):	Tribes may use the FSP funds to provide a broad array of services to children and families. The FSP allocation is a block grant containing multiple state and federal funding sources designed to give tribes flexibility in serving children and families. The DCF FSP funds can be used in conjunction with FSP funds from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS)		
Target Population:	Children and families in need of domestic abuse, child welfare prevention or permanency, self-sufficiency, youth or child care services. Tribes can choose up to six (6) target areas to spend FSP funds.		
Program Requirements:	Tribes must submit an annual grant application indicating the target areas that will be served and a detailed budget indicating how the FSP funds will be spent. Expenses must be reported to the DCF fiscal system. Tribes must submit an annual FSP progress report indicating the number of persons served and program outcomes for those persons.		
Funding Stream(s):	The FSP allocations include primarily state GPR, federal Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF also known as Title IV-B Part 2) and federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds. The tribal allocations are dependent on the state GRP budget and		

	federal PSSF and CSBG grant awards to Wisconsin. No tribal match is required for the FSP funds.		
Capacity Building:	The DCF Bureau of Regional Operations participates in quarterly tribal FSP director meetings, along with the DHS Tribal Affairs Unit. The FSP director meetings are used to provide technical assistance on children and family service issues. The DCF regional Area Administrators provide technical assistance to individual tribes on FSP applications, budgets, and annual reports.		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DMS/Bureau of Regional Operations	DCF Contact Name:	John Tuohy John.Tuohy@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Technical Assistance to Tribes		
Program Type:	Tribes operate children and family services programs, including child welfare, child care, child support and cash assistance services, either under contract with DCF or under a direct relationship with the federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). For state contract programs, DCF provides technical assistance and conducts program monitoring. For direct federal programs, DCF provides technical assistance and the opportunity for tribes to use state data systems to manage cases and meet data reporting requirements.		
Capacity Building:	The DCF Bureau of Regional Operations is available to provide technical assistance to tribes, including attending tribal meetings to discuss program issues and conducting monitoring for state contract programs. DCF central office staff may also participate in tribal meetings to discuss program issues, arrange for tribal access to state data systems, and offer tribes advice on their direct federal programs.		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DMS/Bureau of Regional Operations	DCF Contact Name:	John Tuohy John.Tuohy@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Tribal Allocations		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	Fiscal Year		
Description (Purpose):	CCDF Tribal allocations can be used to provide child care subsidy services to their community members.		
Target Population:	Low-income Tribal families		
Program Requirements:	Tribal CCDF grantees will receive not less than 2% of discretionary CCDF funding		
Funding Stream(s):	Federal CCDF		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DECE	DCF Contact Name:	David Timmerman David.Timmerman@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program		

Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Payments		
Funding Cycle:	Ongoing		
Description (Purpose):	Child Care Counts: Stabilization Payment Program is designed to support Wisconsin's early care and education community. Regulated child care providers will be eligible to receive monthly payments through January 2024, providing the financial stability they need to stay open, to recruit and retain qualified staff, and to continue providing high-quality care for children.		
Target Population:	Regulated child care providers		
Program Requirements:	Child care providers must be open and in good standing, caring for children, in compliance with background check requirements, in compliance with health and safety administrative rules, and repaying any overpayment owed from Wisconsin Shares or previous Child Care Counts rounds		
Funding Stream(s):	American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DECE	DCF Contact Name:	David Timmerman David.Timmerman@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Dream Up!		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grant		
Funding Cycle:	Two grant application periods; Second application period opens in early 2023		
Description (Purpose):	First Children's Finance will engage with communities throughout Wisconsin to address their child care gaps and help them progress to a sustainable supply of child care. The selected communities will receive strategic planning support and \$75,000 in grant funding. Additional \$5,000 stipends will be allocated to participating child care providers who submit updated business plans during the strategic planning process. Through a collaborative community approach, teams of community stakeholders, will work to evaluate, plan, sustain, and expand existing child care, and support new child care programs.		
Target Population:	Communities eligible to apply include native and indigenous communities; neighborhoods with defined boundaries in urban areas; rural areas no bigger than a county; suburban/exurban communities; or an area like a zip code, school district, or 4 small cities who join together. Teams may include local business leaders, community and civic organizations, economic development programs, child care programs, school districts, local government, city or county administrations, and parent groups. Teams should include a cross sector of community leaders and preferably teams of 8-15 members.		
Program Requirements:	The Core Team Lead will be the primary contact with First Children's Finance for the duration of the project. During the application process, if there are any questions, the Core Team Lead will be contacted. The Core Team Lead is expected to attend a Core		

	Team Lead meeting (one hour) and all four Strategic Supply-Building Planning meetings (two hours each). The Core Team Lead will work with First Children's Finance to find a location to hold meetings, coordinate ongoing Core Team meetings, and follow up with the Core Team needs to achieve their goals.		
Funding Stream(s):	Preschool Development Grant		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DECE	DCF Contact Name:	Kaitlin Ferrick Kaitlin.Ferrick@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	TEACH and REWARD		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Scholarships and Stipends		
Funding Cycle:	Ongoing		
Description (Purpose):	TEACH provides higher education scholarships to professionals who work in regulated early childhood and school age care settings in order to enhance educational qualifications of child care professionals. The REWARD Stipend Program provides salary supplements directly to eligible child care professionals based on both experience and education.		
Target Population:	Early care and education workforce		
Program Requirements:	To be eligible for TEACH, applicants must work at least 25 hours per week in a licensed child care program, have the support of your sponsoring program, have a diploma from an approved high school or have earned a GED, be employed by your sponsoring program for a minimum of 3 months prior to application, live and/or work in Wisconsin, plan to attend school at a Wisconsin-based college or university, and want to complete credit-based coursework. Eligibility for the REWARD Stipend Program is dependent upon specific employment, experience, and education requirements.		
Funding Stream(s):	Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	DECE/BOY	DCF Contact Name:	Erin Gernetzke Erin.Gernetzke@wisconsin.gov
Program Name:	Main Street Bounceback Grants		
Program Type: (Grant/Contract)	Grants		
Funding Cycle:	Applications due by June 30, 2022		
Description (Purpose):	The Main Street Bounceback Grants program provides \$10,000 to new or existing businesses and non-profit organizations moving into vacant properties in Wisconsin's downtowns and commercial corridors. Funds can be used to pay leases or mortgages, operational expenses and other business costs related to the newly opened location. The program is open to new or existing businesses opening a new location or expanding		

	operations in a vacant commercial where the lease commences, or sales contract closes, on or after January 1, 2021 and on or before June 30, 2022.		
Target Population:	For-profit business and non-profit organizations		
Program Requirements:	<p>Main Street Bounceback Grants are available to for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations meeting the following criteria: the business is located within the region administered by the regional partner organization to which it applied; the business either is moving into a vacant commercial space or has moved into a vacant commercial space where the lease commences, or sales contract closes, on or after January 1, 2021 and on or before June 30, 2022; and the business can certify that it has not or will not vacate a commercial space in Wisconsin to become eligible to claim this grant.</p> <p>Businesses are ineligible to apply for the grants if they are part of a national or regional chain, unless the business is an independently owned and operated franchise; a home-based business or property landlord, unless they are moving their business functions into the vacant commercial space; real estate investment firms that intend to hold the property for investment purposes only; engaged in any illegal activity under federal, state or local law; or if they intend to use the space for storage only or residential purposes.</p>		
Funding Stream(s):	American Recovery Plan Act		
Lead DCF Division/Bureau:	WEDC	DCF Contact Name:	https://wedc.org/programs-and-resources/mainstreet-bounceback-grants/