

## Tribal Consultation Action Plan

### June 2024 to June 2025

The Department of Children and Families and the Federally recognized Indian Tribes headquartered in Wisconsin held a consultation meeting on June 4, 2024. This Action Plan is the result of that consultation meeting. The plan is a set of mutually agreeable short- and long-term strategies to address issues of interest to Tribes. The Department and the Tribes headquartered in Wisconsin agree to collaborate on these strategies and provide staff support as required to successfully achieve these outcomes by June 2025.

<p><b>Item 1: Strengthening State and Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act</b></p>	<p><i>Responsible Party:</i> DCF Division of Family and Economic Security</p> <p><i>In collaboration with:</i> LCO Child Support</p>
<p><i>History:</i></p> <p>At the 2024 Tribal Consultation Meeting, DCF and LCO Child Support provided information on the Strengthening State and Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act which is a bill pending in the House Ways and Means Committee. Without this legislative fix, as of October 1, 2024, the IRS will no longer hold in 'abeyance' findings related to tribal child support programs and contractors' access to federal tax information.</p> <p>A request was made to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Provide a copy of the Strengthening State and Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act (HR 7906) and</li> <li>2) Draft letter of support for tribal leaders, the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, and the Chippewa Federation in advance of the House Ways and Means Committee meeting in July 2024.</li> </ol> <p>DCF offered to provide the materials within 2 weeks.</p>	
<p><i>Outcome:</i></p> <p>A draft letter of support was sent to tribal leaders, tribal child support directors, and all DCF tribal consultation attendees on June 24, 2024.</p>	
<p><i>Resources:</i></p> <p>H.R. 7906 can be found here: <a href="https://www.congress.gov/118/bills/hr7906/BILLS-118hr7906ih.pdf">https://www.congress.gov/118/bills/hr7906/BILLS-118hr7906ih.pdf</a></p> <p>Additional information about H.R. 7096 can be found here: <a href="https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/7906">https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/7906</a></p>	

<p><b>Item 2: Child Care</b></p>	<p><i>Responsible Party:</i>          DCF Division of Early Care and Education</p> <p><i>In collaboration with:</i>          WI Department of Administration, Tribal Leaders and Directors,</p>
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*History:*

At the 2024 consultation, there were several conversations regarding child care/early childhood concerns.

- **Fingerprinting:** tribes brought up concerns that prospective child care and head start employees are required to go through fingerprinting; however, the closest FieldPrint site is nearly an hour away from their community. There are barriers regarding transportation and FieldPrint will not accept a purchase order from the tribe, only credit cards. The tribes would like to find a way to make it easier for their community members to comply with background check requirements. Some tribes have a Tribal Access Program (TAP) kiosk through the federal government but they are not able to use the TAP system for child care background checks.
  - DCF will inquire with federal, tribal, and state partners to identify any potential barriers to using the TAP kiosks that are in tribal communities (E.g.: DCF will reach out to TAP to see if it is possible/the process for adding the appropriate coding for child care background checks; talk with federal Head Start program to see whether this would be allowable under the head start rules as they are required to use the state system for fingerprinting and background checks; follow up with WI DOJ regarding existing capacity within communities; follow up with WI DOA regarding FieldPrint contract)
- **“Full-Faith and Credit” for Tribal Self-Regulated Certification and Licensing for Providers:** tribes brought up concerns that there are barriers to the current state child care regulation process causing them to explore and utilize self-regulation options; however, self-regulation also prevents tribes from accepting the Shares subsidy funding where families may be eligible and in need of child care.
  - DCF will research the barriers to providing full-faith and credit for tribal self-regulated certified or licensed providers
- **Continued conversations on how we can partner together on fingerprinting and full faith and credit for tribal self-regulated certification and licensing:** during the conversations regarding fingerprinting and tribal self-regulation it was noted that we (DCF and Tribes) are philosophically aligned. DCF committed to identifying: what is within our control, where state or federal changes are needed, and how we can best partner together to effectuate change related to fingerprinting and full-faith and credit for tribal self-regulated certification and licensing processes.

*Outcome:*

*Resources:*

**Item 3: Provide Resources Shared During Education Neglect/Truancy Conversation**

*Responsible Party:*

DCF Tribal Liaison

*In collaboration with:*

OCMH, CANPB, DCF Legislative Liaison,

*History:*

At the 2024 Tribal Consultation Meeting, there was a discussion about education neglect and truancy. While the topic was identified as statutorily being under the purview of the Department of Public Instruction a larger conversation took place regarding root causes of education neglect/truancy and how those root causes could encompass the responsibility of several agencies (DCF, DHS, OCMH, CANPB, etc.). During the conversation, several resources and pieces of information were shared verbally. DCF Secretary Amundson requested the DCF Tribal Liaison gather all of the resources and provide the information to the attendees.

*Outcome:*

A list of the resources that were mentioned at the DCF Tribal Consultation Meeting is provided below.

*Resources:*

- Triple P Online: <https://www.triplep-parenting.com/wi-en/triple-p/>
  - Triple P Online – for parents of young children under 12 years
  - Teen Triple P Online – for parents of pre-teens and teens, approx. 10-16 years
  - Fear-Less Triple P Online support for parents of anxious kids (6-14 years)
- WI After School Network, <https://www.wiafterschoolnetwork.org/>
  - Randy Neve is a good contact to discuss parent cafes ([neve.randy@marshfieldclinic.org](mailto:neve.randy@marshfieldclinic.org))
- Triple P (in-person or by zoom)
  - UW Extension educators: <https://parenting.extension.wisc.edu/toddlers/triple-p-positive-parenting-program/>
  - Family Resource Centers: <https://fiveforfamilies.org/family-resource-centers/>
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- Tribal Youth Resource Center recording of Building and Sustaining Partnerships for Truancy Prevention Programs (December 16, 2021) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtVERYkSXXI>
  - Additional materials from this presentation can also be found here: <https://myemail-api.constantcontact.com/Resources-and-Evaluation-from-the-12-16--TYRC-OLE--Building-and-Sustaining-Partnerships-to-Support-Tribal-Truancy-Prevention.html?soid=1132718811129&aid=sYkp8aZpVs4>
  - Other resources they've created/curated include:
    - A YouTube playlist on [Tribal Truancy Prevention](#) (3 ~1hr webinar recordings)
    - A library with materials specific to truancy prevention [https://www.tribalyouth.org/resources/resource-library/?\\_sft\\_resource\\_issues=truancy-prevention-and-attendance](https://www.tribalyouth.org/resources/resource-library/?_sft_resource_issues=truancy-prevention-and-attendance)
- Office of Children's Mental Health (OCMH) Key Facts in Youth Mental Health: <https://children.wi.gov/Pages/ResearchData/KeyFacts.aspx>
  - Additional OCMH Fact Sheets can be found here: <https://children.wi.gov/Pages/ResearchData/FactSheets.aspx>
- Mental Health America Article: The Impact of School Mental Health Services on Reducing Chronic Absenteeism <https://mhanational.org/blog/impact-school-mental-health-services-reducing-chronic-absenteeism?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=825f02ce-de3b-42a4-8991-178c5bf1cb9a>

- DCF Youth Justice Issue Brief on Truancy (November 2021): <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/5489.pdf>
- OJJDP Supporting Tribal Youth Attendance Achievement: A Resource to Support Community Based Truancy Prevention Programs: <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/publications/supporting-tribal-youth-attendance-achievement.pdf>
- DPI School Attendance Improvement and Truancy Prevention website: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/safe-schools/school-attendance>
  - This website also includes a four-part Truancy Prevention Learning series with resources and summary sheets

Item 4: Continue Sharing Information and Resources Regarding Youth with Complex Needs/High Acuity/Intellectual Disabilities

*Responsible Party:*  
DCF Division of Safety and Permanence  
*In collaboration with:*  
Tribal ICW Directors

*History:*

At the 2024 Tribal Consultation Meeting, there was a discussion about youth and adults with complex needs, high acuity, and/or intellectual disabilities. DCF clarified that adults with intellectual disabilities were under the purview of DHS; however, children with intellectual disabilities involved programs and services from both DHS and DCF. Tribal leaders shared the growing concerns and needs of their community and community members. DCF Secretary Amundson requested that we continue sharing resources and information regarding youth with complex needs, high acuity, and intellectual disabilities through the ICW Director meetings.

*Outcome:*

*Resources:*