



Overview and Highlights April 2026

The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (Prevention Board) is dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect through funding, supporting, educating, and promoting prevention awareness and services within communities throughout the state. It focuses on ensuring that parents, caregivers, and others who surround children have the support and resources they need to provide children with the nurturing environments they deserve. The Prevention Board focuses on primary prevention programs, services, and approaches to address the root causes of child abuse and neglect before it occurs and to build Protective Factors which act as buffers against adversity while also promoting the optimal child development. Strategies are offered to all families universally without identifying risk or likelihood of child maltreatment.

Purpose: Implement research, policies, and practices that strengthen Wisconsin families to prevent child abuse and neglect, using strategies that are equitable and inclusive of all rural, suburban, and urban communities and residents.

Vision: Every child in Wisconsin grows up in a safe, stable and nurturing environment.

Funding and highlights:

The Prevention Board integrated feedback from previous Tribal grantees and partners to update the funding application and eliminate match. The Prevention Board has been able to double the number of grants since the inception of the Tribal Primary Prevention funding in 2022. The current list of Tribal Nations awarded funding includes:

- Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Forest County Potawatomi Community
- Ho-Chunk Nation Child and Family Services
- Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
- St. Croix Chippewa Indians of WI Indian Child Welfare
- Stockbridge-Munsee Community

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Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): §48.982(4)

Program Name:	Tribal Primary Prevention Grants		
Program Type:	Grant	Agency:	Prevention Board
Funding Cycle:	Calendar year (Jan – Dec)	Contact Name:	Merrissa Johnson
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	merrissa.johnson@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s):			

Tribal Primary Prevention Grants are funded by Roots and Wings Foundation (50%), federal Community-based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP, 30%) and state funding (20%).

Description

(Purpose):

Tribes may use funds to integrate child maltreatment primary prevention programming into existing service continuum. Primary prevention services must be located in communities where families live, where they are easily accessible, and responsive to families' needs. Those services must also focus on the overall health and well-being of both children and families and be designed to promote resiliency and parenting capacity. The funds allow Tribes to promote services that focus on preventing families' involvement in the Tribal family services, human services or child welfare system (or prevent the child's removal from their home) by offering services focused on building protective factors and minimizing risk within the family. Examples include Education and Skills Development, Cultural Community Engagement & Activities, and Concrete Support Services & Family Resource Navigation. Funds can also be used for staff training and other professional development to implement primary prevention programming.

Target Population:

Children and families

Program

Requirements:

Tribes must submit an annual renewal scope and budget indicating the target areas that will be served and a detailed budget indicating how the funds will be spent. Expenses must be reported to the DCF fiscal system. Tribes must submit mid-year and year end progress reports indicating the number of persons served, program outcomes, and some other general narrative questions.