



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.

Division of Early Care and Education

Program Name: Group Ratios and Enhanced Payments Pilot			
Program Type:	Other	Bureau:	Administrator's Office
Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year (July-June)	Contact Name:	Danielle Karnopp
Match Requirement:	None	Email Address:	danielle.karnopp2@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): ARPA Interest Funds; Federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)			
Description (Purpose): The Ratios Pilot and the Enhanced Payments Pilot are programs that expand capacity across Wisconsin's child care industry by helping providers serve more infants and toddlers. The programs are scheduled to end in the summer of 2027. The Ratios Pilot aligns Wisconsin with other peer states, enabling providers to care for seven toddlers between 18 and 30 months of age per staff member. The Enhanced Payments Pilot supports providers financially with a per-child payment if a child care provider participates in the Ratios Pilot and serves families with an active Wisconsin Shares authorization.			
Target Population: State Regulated Group Child Care Providers			
Program Requirements: Participation means group child care programs will implement staff-to-child ratios of 1:7 for children aged 18 – 30 months in at least one classroom. Programs must also have at least 35 square feet of usable floor space per child (see DCF 251.06(7)(a)) in the classroom to accommodate the increased ratios, enough qualified staff in each classroom, adequate licensed capacity, adequate equipment and furnishing (e.g., toys, cots/cribs/playpens, chairs, tables, utensils). To receive per-child payments, licensed group child care programs must certify their participation in the Ratios Pilot (see above) and the Enhanced Payments Pilot. To certify participation and begin receiving payments, the licensed group child care program must be eligible to serve families who are authorized for Wisconsin Shares, and opt-in to receive the per-child payments.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): SECTION 70g. 20.437 (2) (mh); Section 9106. Nonstatutory provisions; Children and Families. (2); DCF 251.055 (2) (e)			
Program Name: Head Start State Supplement			
Program Type:	Grant	Bureau:	Administrator's Office
Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year (July-June)	Contact Name:	Jillian Clemens
Match Requirement:	None	Email Address:	Jillian.Clemens@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): State General Purpose Revenue (GPR)			

Description (Purpose): The Wisconsin Head Start State Supplement Grant (HSSS) provides additional support to federally funded Early Head Start/Head Start programs in Wisconsin. It was created by the Wisconsin legislature in 1989 and first funded in 1991. The grant supports quality improvement efforts and/or expands Early Head Start/Head Start enrollment for children who may be on waiting lists to access federally funded Early Head Start/Head Start programming.

HSSS funds may be used for the following uses:

- a. Serve additional children in addition to their federally funded slots. Programs may set a state cost per child that is over their federal cost per child with a demonstrated need to meet the Head Start Performance Standards.
- b. Use funds in a manner consistent with the guidance from the federal Office of Head Start for the Quality Improvement funding as specified in the Head Start Act.
- c. Use funding to both add slots and fund quality initiatives in a manner consistent with the Office of Head Start guidance for Quality Improvement funding (combination of a. and b.).

The State Superintendent holds the legislative authority for these funds. The DCF administers the HSSS funds on behalf of the Department of Public Instruction. Funds are awarded through an annual non-competitive application process. HS grant recipients are allowed to claim up to 80% of their total HSSS allocation for non-federal match.

Target Population: Federal Head Start Grant Recipients, children and families enrolled in Head Start

Program Requirements: An HS program must be a current federal HS grant recipient in order to apply for the HSSS funds.

Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): State Statute 115.3615 from appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (eh)

Program Name:	Get Kids Ready		
Program Type:	Other	Bureau:	Administrator's Office
Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year (July-June)	Contact Name:	Daria Hall
Match Requirement:	None	Email Address:	daria.hall@wisconsin.gov

Funding Stream(s): State General Purpose Revenue (GPR)

Description (Purpose): Get Kids Ready is a new school readiness initiative to support licensed and certified child care providers serving 4-year-olds. Child care providers who meet the eligibility criteria and decide to participate will receive payments for each eligible child participating in their school readiness program.

Target Population: State Regulated Child Care Providers, Families, 4 year olds

Program Requirements: In order to participate in Get Kids Ready, certified and licensed child care providers are eligible if they are in compliance with all legal, financial, and regulatory requirements imposed by law or by department rule; will provide at least 437 hours of instruction in elementary school readiness per school year; use a curriculum that meets the Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards; do not have a contract with a school district to provide 4K for the school year in which the provider intends to participate in Get Kids Ready; have lead teachers delivering Get Kids Ready instruction with an associate degree or bachelor's degree. A child is eligible to participate if they are 4-years-old on or before September 1 of the school year they plan to participate; the child's parent or guardian submits an application to participate in the program to a participating provider; a participating child care provider has accepted the child's application to attend Get Kids Ready.

Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): 20.437 (2) (cr); 49.132

Program Name:	Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Tribal Allocations		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Operations and Planning
Funding Cycle:	Federal Fiscal Year (Oct-Sept)	Contact Name:	Lee Kujava
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Lee.Kujava@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)			
Description (Purpose): CCDF Tribal Allocations can be used to provide child care subsidy services to their community members. There are three different allocations: 1. Administration 2. Certification 3. Fraud			
Target Population: Low-income Tribal families and potential child care providers			
Program Requirements: Tribal CCDF grantees will receive not less than 2% of discretionary CCDF funding			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): N/A			
Program Name:	Child Care Bridge Payments		
Program Type:	Other	Bureau:	Operations and Planning
Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year (July-June)	Contact Name:	Lee Kujava
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Lee.Kujava@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)			
Description (Purpose): Child Care Bridge Payments is designed to support Wisconsin's early care and education community. Regulated child care providers will be eligible to receive monthly payments through June 2026, 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: State 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 Child Care Counts rounds.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): SECTION 69. 20.437 (2) (mf)			
Program Name:	Child Care Access Program		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	YoungStar
Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year (July-June)	Contact Name:	Kassidy Farrey
Match Requirement:	None	Email Address:	Kassidy.Farrey@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)			

Description (Purpose): 2025 Wisconsin Act 15 awarded \$4 million across two years to both Wonderschool Inc and Thriving Wisconsin to increase child care access and capacity in the state. You can learn more about the services each organization is providing below:

Wonderschool Inc: Developed a substitute teacher pool for the northeastern region of the state; Launched a marketing campaign to increase child care capacity in Wisconsin and connect future child care providers to pre-licensing; and Provided access to child care management software to assist programs with enrollment, check-in, and billing

Thriving Wisconsin: Bolstering training and technical assistance support for current and future child care providers; Engaging in local/regional child care supply building efforts through the CCR&R Network Training and technical assistance, recruitment and retention efforts, local/regional child care supply building

Target Population: Both Potential and Regulated Child Care Providers

Program Requirements: Varies by vendor and specific service

Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): 20.437 (2) (bp); 49.175 (1) (qm); 49.1335

Program Name:	YoungStar		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	YoungStar
Funding Cycle:	Ongoing	Contact Name:	Kassidy Farrey
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Kassidy.Farrey@wisconsin.gov

Funding Stream(s): Federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)

Description (Purpose): The Department of Children and Families is committed to improving access to affordable, high-quality care options that meet the individual needs of all Wisconsin’s youngest children, while providing the early care and education (ECE) and school- age care workforce. Since 2011, YoungStar, Wisconsin’s Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), has been helping to make it happen by providing training and onsite consultation to providers, creating financial incentives to encourage providers to engage in quality improvement efforts, and offering parents meaningful information to inform their child care decisions.

Each year, YoungStar rates thousands of ECE and school-age care programs statewide using a 5 Star scale that includes research-based best practices for children, building on health and safety regulation requirements, using four over- arching elements of program quality: Lead Staff Education, Learning Environment and Curriculum, Business and Professional Practices, and Health and Well-Being.

YoungStar also collects data/information and provides specialized consultation and evaluation on other program quality elements that are not assessed within the rating criteria. Information that is collected is displayed to families via the DCF public Child Care Finder (CCF) website.

Beginning in 2024, YoungStar has been engaged in an Analysis and Update Project to improve program design and implementation based on feedback received from families, providers, and other key partners.

Target Population: State Regulated Child Care Providers

Program Requirements: Providers must be in regulatory compliance and must submit a YoungStar Contract every two years. YoungStar participation is required for providers to receive Wisconsin Shares payments.

Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): 49.155(1g)(g)

Program Name:	Wisconsin Early Education Shared Services Network (WEESN)
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Program Type:	Other	Bureau:	YoungStar
Funding Cycle:	Ongoing	Contact Name:	Kassidy Farrey
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Kassidy.Farrey@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)			
Description (Purpose): WEESN, operated by the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA), is a pivotal partner in stabilizing the child care market and enhancing the quality of care statewide. WEESN brings together ECE programs to pool resources and increase economies of scale. By sharing resources and expertise, child care programs can build capacity in their caregiving, improve outcomes for young children and families, and benefit the community at-large. WEESN aims to leverage the shared services model to provide essential support to local early care and education programs.			
Target Population: State Regulated Child Care Providers			
Program Requirements: Regulated child care programs can receive a free WEESN membership to access resources, professional development, newsletters, and as-needed technical assistance related to business practices. Members can also receive free business coaching, with priority given to newly regulated programs and programs that have experienced a change in leadership during the past 12 months.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): 49.155(1g)(h)			
Program Name:	Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Services		
Program Type:	Technical Assistance	Bureau:	YoungStar
Funding Cycle:	Ongoing	Contact Name:	Kassidy Farrey
Match Requirement:	N/A	Email Address:	Kassidy.Farrey@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)			
Description (Purpose): Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies are responsible for providing services to families, providers, and communities across their designated service region. There are eight (8) CCR&R regions, with a total of nine (9) agencies providing services. Services include: referrals and resources for families, providers, and communities; training for child care providers, data collection on child care supply and demand, and local partnerships and child care supply building efforts. CCR&R services are coordinated and monitored by a statewide CCR&R Network Administrator.			
CCR&Rs provide Tribal Training and Technical Assistance, including coordination of the Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Child Care Association (WITCCA) and customized, on-site training and coaching for child care providers in tribal communities.			
Target Population: Families, Providers, and Communities			
Program Requirements: CCR&R services are available to both regulated and unregulated providers, as they provide low- to no-cost training to encourage regulation and promote increased quality of care. Services for families and communities are free, with no requirements.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): 49.155(1g)(bc); 49.155(1g)(e)			
Program Name:	The Registry		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	YoungStar
Funding Cycle:	Ongoing	Contact Name:	Kassidy Farrey

Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Kassidy.Farrey@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)			
Description (Purpose): The WI Registry (Contractor), Wisconsin's professional development recognition system for the early childhood education (ECE) and school-age (SA) care professions, acknowledges and highlights the training, experience, and professionalism that are vital to quality care. The WI Registry ensures a consistent standard for: recognizing and celebrating professional achievements, promoting and supporting personal growth, and designing and aligning career pathways. The WI Registry is the single entity in Wisconsin that verifies whether ECE and SA professionals meet or exceed entry level training requirements established by DCF's Bureau of Early Care Regulation (BECR), determines placement on The Registry Career Levels based on each ECE and SA professional's education and training, and records educational and professional contributions that surpass basic requirements. WI Registry records are used by DCF to verify regulatory compliance related to requirements for staff training and experience. The Registry Career Levels and training verifications are used within Wisconsin's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), YoungStar, to verify whether educational requirements for each star level are met.			
Target Population: Early Care and Education Professionals			
Program Requirements: Professionals must submit an application for free membership and provide documentation to support relevant training, education, and experience. For child care licensing, individuals are required to obtain a Wisconsin Registry certificate at least once, within 6 months of starting employment at a licensed program.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): 49.155(1g)			
Program Name:	TEACH and REWARD Scholarships and Stipends		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	YoungStar
Funding Cycle:	Ongoing	Contact Name:	Kassidy Farrey
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Kassidy.Farrey@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)			
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.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): 49.155(1g)(ac)			

Division of Management Services

Program Name:	Tribal Family Services Program (FSP)

Program Type:	Grant	Bureau:	Area Administration
Funding Cycle:	Federal Fiscal Year (Oct-Sept)	Contact Name:	Sarah Kate Johnson
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	SarahKate.Johnson@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Tribal Gaming Funds (71% in FFY26), federal Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF also known as Title IV-B Part 2, 15% if FFY26) and federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG, 14% in FFY26) funds. The tribal allocations are dependent on the state budget and federal PSSF and CSBG grant awards to Wisconsin.			
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). The DCF regional Area Administrators provide technical assistance to individual tribes on FSP applications, budgets, and annual reports.			
Target Population: 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.			
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.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): §48.487(1m)			
Program Name:	Technical Assistance to Tribes		
Program Type:	Technical Assistance	Bureau:	Area Administration
Funding Cycle:	N/A	Contact Name:	Sarah Kate Johnson
Match Requirement:	N/A	Email Address:	SarahKate.Johnson@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): N/A			
Description (Purpose): 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			
Target Population: N/A			
Program Requirements: Tribes operating 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).			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): N/A			
Program Name:	Tribal Fiscal Series		
Program Type:	Technical Assistance	Bureau:	Area Administration
Funding Cycle:	N/A	Contact Name:	Sarah Kate Johnson Stephanie Lozano
Match Requirement:	N/A	Email Address:	dcftribalaffairs@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): N/A			

Description (Purpose): The Department of Children and Families offers a virtual training and technical assistance series to tribal grant and fiscal staff. The series provides training and technical assistance sessions to Tribal Program and Fiscal staff to support knowledge of program areas and funding sources; to increase understanding of grant application, parameters and exclusions; and to provide a forum for questions and answers. Trainings will be held the fourth Tuesday of the month from 3:00-4:00 p.m., in January through October.
Target Population: Tribal program, fiscal and other interested staff.
Program Requirements: N/A
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): N/A

Division of Safety and Permanence

Program Name:	High Cost Pool Funds		
Program Type:	Reimbursement	Bureau:	Administrator's Office
Funding Cycle:	Calendar Year (Jan-Dec)	Contact Name:	Tania Cornelius
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Tania.Cornelius@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Tribal Gaming Revenue There is a total of \$1,642,500/fiscal year allocated for the program that is dispersed through a prorated system.			
Description (Purpose): Reimbursement for tribes and eligible counties 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: Tribes and eligible counties are able 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.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): WI CH. 48.48(8p), DSP Informational Memo 2026-05i			
Program Name:	Adoption Assistance (AA)		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Permanence and Out-of-Home Care
Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year (July-June)	Contact Name:	Jennifer Sailer
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Jennifer.sailer@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Title IV-E and Wisconsin State General Purpose Revenue (GPR)			
Description (Purpose): Adoption Assistance is a supportive resource for children who have been adopted and their families. AA provides Foster Care Medicaid and the chance to apply for a one-time reimbursement for adoption-related expenses. Some families may also qualify for a monthly adoption assistance subsidy. AA is established prior to the finalization of an adoption, including adoptions finalized either by a circuit court or tribal court (tribal or customary adoption).			

Target Population: Families adopting children with special care needs as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § DCF 50.09(1)(b). This includes Indian children, as defined by Wi. Stat. § 48.02(8m) as well as children adopted through tribal customary adoption.			
Program Requirements: Child must be eligible per Wis. Admin. Code § DCF 50.09 for an adoptive family to receive adoption assistance.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): DCF 50			
Program Name:	Tribal Administered Subsidized Guardianship		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Permanence and Out-of-Home Care
Funding Cycle:	Federal Fiscal Year (Oct-Sept)	Contact Name:	Britny Isaacs
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Britny.Isaacs@wisconin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Tribal Gaming Revenue			
Description (Purpose): Subsidized Guardianship supports the legal permanence option of guardianship (s. 48.977 or a tribal court order that is substantially similar) by allowing the guardian to continue receiving a monthly payment to offset the costs of caring for the child.			
Target Population: Eligible placements seeking to achieve permanency through guardianship.			
Program Requirements: There are eligibility criteria for the child and prospective guardian as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § DCF 55.03. Tribes must determine that the eligibility criteria are met prior to the guardianship being established. Tribes must enter qualifying expenses monthly in SPARC by the 23rd of the month. On an annual basis, Tribes are required to complete the contract monitoring template by December 31st for the prior fiscal year (October 1st – September 30th).			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): DCF 55			
Program Name:	Kinship Care		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Permanence and Out-of-Home Care
Funding Cycle:	Federal Fiscal Year (Oct-Sept)	Contact Name:	Holly Telfer
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Holly.Telfer@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)			
Description (Purpose): Kinship care is a program designed to help support a child who resides with family and like-kin outside of his or her own home due to neglect or abuse, either temporarily or long-term.			
Target Population: Family members caring for their minor relative either voluntarily or through a court-order.			
Program Requirements: Relatives and like-kin caregivers must be eligible per DCF 58. This includes all adults (18+) in the home completing required criminal background checks and may be denied based on findings; any barred offenses will require the applicant to request a review from the kinship care agency. Cooperation with the agency is required. An application and home visit are required, as is an annual review of eligibility.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): DCF 58			
Program Name:	Foster Parent Grants		
Program Type:	Grant	Bureau:	Permanence and Out-of-Home Care
Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year (July-June)	Contact Name:	Jennifer Sailer

Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	DCFDSPGeneralFosterCare@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Wisconsin General Purpose Revenue (GPR)			
Description (Purpose): Foster Parent Grant funds are awarded through a non-competitive application process to all interested agencies in a total amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the purpose of supporting foster parents and providing normalcy for children in out-of-home care. Qualifying expenses may include incentives for the retention of foster parents, enhancing foster parent education, and reimbursing foster parents for foster care related expenses.			
Target Population: Funding may be used to provide support to relatives/like-kin caregivers and non-relative foster parents providing care to children placed through child welfare.			
Program Requirements: Agencies may apply for funding in one or more of the following three topic areas: Foster parent retention and support; Foster parent training activities; Reimbursement for child specific related expenses that allow for normalcy opportunities for children in out-of-home care.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): WI Ch. 20, 2017 Wisconsin Act 260			
Program Name:	Relative Caregiver Support Grants (Kinship Navigator)		
Program Type:	Grant	Bureau:	Permanence and Out-of-Home Care
Funding Cycle:	Federal Fiscal Year (Oct-Sept)	Contact Name:	Britny Isaacs & Holly Telfer
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Britny.Isaacs@wisconsin.gov Holly.Telfer@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Title IV-B, subpart 2			
Description (Purpose): DCF applies to ACF annually to receive funding to maintain and enhance Wisconsin's Kinship Navigator Program. Part of DCF's Kinship Navigator funding is allocated to support county, tribal, and community non-profit agencies with grants to engage with relative and like-kin caregivers throughout the state and assist them in obtaining benefits and services to meet their family's specific needs and the needs of the children they are raising. Awarded agencies may be reimbursed by DCF for qualifying expenses under this grant that include: Costs associated with connecting relative and like-kin caregivers with one another (e.g., support groups, etc.); Costs associated with connecting relative and like-kin caregivers to relevant training; Costs associated with connecting relative and like-kin caregivers to relevant legal assistance and help in obtaining legal services; Costs associated with providing outreach to relative and like-kin caregivers; Costs for any other activities designed to assist relative and like-kin caregivers in obtaining benefits and services to improve their caregiving.			
Priority will be given to proposals that develop activities based on consultation with and input from relative and like-kin caregivers, youth raised by relative and like-kin caregivers.			
Target Population: Relative and like-kin caregivers of minor children throughout Wisconsin.			
Program Requirements: Agencies that are awarded this grant will be expected to sign a contract and shall submit an annual summary report to DCF that outlines the grant programming activities for that time period and their effectiveness as measured by the agency. Agencies that are awarded this grant must agree to document expenses in SPARC monthly. Agencies that receive grant money shall use the funding received by end of the contract period.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): WI Ch. 99			
Program Name:	Tribal/State Title IV-E Pass-Through Agreements		

Program Type:	Reimbursement	Bureau:	Compliance Research and Analytics
Funding Cycle:	Ongoing	Contact Name:	DCF IV-E Program
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Dcfiv-eprogram@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Federal Title IV-E of the Social Security Act			
Description (Purpose): Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or Tribal Consortia 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			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): Wis. Stat. Sections 48.028(3)(f) and 806.245, OMB 2 CFR Part 200, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 45, Part 1355.30 and Part 1356, 42 U.S.C. § 672(a)(2), 25 U.S.C. § 1919			
Program Name:	Brighter Futures Initiative (BFI) Program		
Program Type:	Grant	Bureau:	Youth Services
Funding Cycle:	Calendar Year (Jan-Dec)	Contact Name:	Faith Price
Match Requirement:	15%	Email Address:	Faith.Price1@Wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Three sources of funding, Wisconsin 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.			
Description (Purpose): 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: youth between the ages of 12 and 21 in or at risk of entering the child welfare or juvenile justice system.			
Program Requirements: 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>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. 			

Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): WI Ch. 48.545, 20.437, 49.175(u), and 49.175(o)			
Program Name: Independent Living (IL)			
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Youth Services
Funding Cycle:	Federal Fiscal Year (Oct-Sept)	Contact Name:	Greta Munns
Match Requirement:	20%	Email Address:	Margaret.Munns@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (Chafee program)			
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 14-23; tribes may elect to serve a subset of qualifying population.			
Program Requirements: The IL program requires agencies to include youth input into programs, collaborate with community partners, create an annual budget and work plan, as well as report biannual outcomes			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): Federal Chafee Act			
Program Name: Independent Living (IL), including Education and Training Voucher (ETV) funds			
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Youth Services
Funding Cycle:	Calendar Year (Jan-Dec)	Contact Name:	Kelsey Hill
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	KelseyR.Hill@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (Chafee program)			
Description (Purpose): The goal of RHY program is to serve youth who are IL-eligible following discharge from care. Youth who are primarily served by a tribal child welfare agency may also access additional independent living support via one of the state's seven TRAs. This includes support 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 intended to help reduce the financial burden for qualifying youth enrolled in postsecondary education/training.			
Target Population: Aged out youth ages 18-23 for general IL supports and/or ETV funding.			
Program Requirements: For Independent Living & Education and Training Voucher funds, Tribal Child Welfare Agencies refer youth to a Transition Resource Agency (TRA) using the Tribal Child Welfare IL and Brighter Star Referral Guide. For a youth to qualify for Education Training Voucher funds, they must be IL-eligible and their program/institution must meet funding requirements. TRAs must work with the youth receiving ETV to develop the youth's education plan.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): Federal Chafee Act			
Program Name: Runaway and Homeless Youth Program (RHY)			
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Youth Services
Funding Cycle:	Calendar Year (Jan-Dec)	Contact Name:	Faith Price
Match Requirement:	15%	Email Address:	Faith.Price1@wisconsin.gov

Funding Stream(s): Stephanie Tubbs Jones (Subpart 1 and Title IV-B) of federal funding and (Fed) & Wisconsin State General Purpose Revenue (GPR)			
Description (Purpose): The goal of the RHY program is 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 safe & stable housing, increase permanent connections, support self-sufficiency, and improve health outcomes.			
Target Population: The RHY program serves youth and young adults ages 12-21 who have run away, are at-risk of running away, are homeless, or are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.			
Program Requirements: The Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) program requires agencies to meet the goals listed in the above "Description (Purposes)" section above and provide consistent targeted intake assessments. They must also report outcomes to DCF annually and biannually, via HMIS and via outcomes reports submitted in SPARC, and comply with site visits by DCF staff at least once every three years. Staff must also meet qualifications to provide services (i.e. background checks, training, etc.) and funds cannot supplant current salaries.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): WI Ch. 48.227			
Program Name:	Support Services for Sex Trafficking Survivors		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Youth Services
Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year (July-June)	Contact Name:	Tonisha Hora
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Tonisha.Hora1@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Wisconsin State General Purpose Revenue (GPR)			
Description (Purpose): 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.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): WI Ch. 940.302(1)(a) and 948.051			
Program Name:	Sex Trafficking Survivors and Caregiver Support Services		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Youth Services
Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year (July-June)	Contact Name:	Tonisha Hora
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	tonisha.hora1@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Wisconsin State General Purpose Revenue (GPR)			
Description (Purpose): 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. Services for caregivers of youth who have experienced sex trafficking are also eligible services. Those services include: a caregiver hotline, caregiver or parent advocates, providing training and support for caregivers using existing programs or curricula, developing training and resources for caregivers.			

Target Population: Adolescents and/or young adults up to age 21 who have experienced sex trafficking while under the age of 18 and their caregivers.

Program Requirements: Programs will be required to provide DCF with a concise summary documenting accomplishments, outreach efforts, program evaluation and outcomes monthly.

Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): WI Ch. 940.302(1)(a) and 948.051

Program Name:	Increasing and Improving Services for Youth who have Experienced Sex Trafficking		
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Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Youth Services
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Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year (July-June)	Contact Name:	Tonisha Hora
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Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	tonisha.hora1@wisconsin.gov
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Funding Stream(s): Wisconsin State General Purpose Revenue (GPR)

Description (Purpose): provide support to survivors of sex trafficking via the following services: case management, support groups, mentoring, advocacy and accompaniment, or other related and complementary services, including culturally relevant methods of care. Services for caregivers of youth who have experienced sex trafficking are also eligible services. All programs must include a multidisciplinary team (MDT) component which can be achieved either through participation of an existing, or coordination of, an MDT and include a part-time or full-time coordinator to facilitate or participate in an MDT.

Target Population: Adolescents and/or young adults up to age 21 who have experienced sex trafficking while under the age of 18 and their caregivers.

Program Requirements: Programs will be required to provide DCF with a concise summary documenting accomplishments, outreach efforts, program evaluation and outcomes monthly.

Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): WI Ch. 940.302(1)(a) and 948.051

Program Name:	Statewide Domestic Abuse Services		
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Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Safety and Well Being
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Funding Cycle:	Calendar Year (Jan-Dec)	Contact Name:	Stacey Cicero
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Match Requirement:	25%	Email Address:	Stacey.Cicero@wisconsin.gov
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Funding Stream(s): Federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) and Wisconsin State General Purpose Revenue (GPR)

Description (Purpose): 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.

Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): WI Ch. 49.165 (1)(d)

Program Name:	Domestic Violence Children's Programming		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Safety and Well Being
Funding Cycle:	Calendar Year (Jan-Dec)	Contact Name:	Stacey Cicero
Match Requirement:	25%	Email Address:	Stacey.Cicero@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Wisconsin State General Purpose Revenue (GPR)			
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			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): State Statute 49.152 (1)(d)			
Program Name:	Domestic Abuse Services to Traditionally Underrepresented Populations		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Safety and Well Being
Funding Cycle:	Calendar Year (Jan-Dec)	Contact Name:	Stacey Cicero
Match Requirement:	25%	Email Address:	Stacey.Cicero@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Wisconsin State General Purpose Revenue (GPR)			
Description (Purpose): The goals of the Domestic Abuse Services to Traditionally Underrepresented Populations grants are: 1) to provide accessible, trauma-sensitive, and culturally- and linguistically appropriate services to traditionally underrepresented victims/survivors of domestic abuse; 2) to identify and eliminate barriers to safety and enhance services for traditionally underrepresented victims/survivors of domestic abuse; 3) 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: 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 country.			
Program Requirements: Survey collection from program participants			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): State Statute 49.165 (1)(d)			
Program Name:	Tribal Domestic Violence (DV) Program Training and Technical Assistance Services		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Safety and Well Being
Funding Cycle:	N/A	Contact Name:	Penny Nevicosi
Match Requirement:	N/A	Email Address:	penelope.nevicosi@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) grant funds			

Description (Purpose): The tribal training and TA provider supports tribal domestic violence programs by offering training based on best practices. They also keep each program informed of any relevant changes to judicial processes and statutes. The provider also supports tribal domestic violence programs in their administration of their contracted funds by assisting with reporting requirements, funding expenditure, policy development, and budgeting. Finally, the provider is conducting a needs assessment to help inform future training and TA efforts.			
Target Population: Tribal agencies providing DV services			
Program Requirements: In order to access training and technical assistance services, tribal agencies must provide domestic violence services.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): 42 U.S.C. 1401			
Program Name:	Statewide DV Program Training and Technical Assistance Services		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Safety and Well Being
Funding Cycle:	N/A	Contact Name:	Penny Nevicosi
Match Requirement:	N/A	Email Address:	penelope.nevicosi@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): Wisconsin State General Purpose Revenue (GPR)			
Description (Purpose): The statewide training and TA provider supports programs who have a DCF contract by offering training based on best practices. They also keep each program informed of any relevant changes to judicial processes and statutes. The provider also supports tribal domestic violence programs in their administration of their contracted funds by assisting with reporting requirements, funding expenditure, policy development, and budgeting. Finally, the provider is conducting a needs assessment to help inform future training and TA efforts.			
Target Population: Public and private agencies across the state providing DV services with funding from the federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) grant, state General Purpose Revenue, and other potential funding sources administered by the Wisconsin Department and Children and Families.			
Program Requirements: In order to access training and technical assistance services, agencies must have contracts with DCF to provide domestic violence services.			
Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): N/A			
Program Name:	Family Foundations Home Visiting Program (FFHV)		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Safety and Well Being
Funding Cycle:	Federal Fiscal Year (Oct-Sept)	Contact Name:	Terri Enters
Match Requirement:	25%	Email Address:	Terri2.Enters@wisconsin.gov
Funding Stream(s): DCF braids funding from the following sources for the FFHV program: Wisconsin State General Purpose Revenue (GPR), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and, Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Federal Grant			
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: 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: 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 requestions implementation by an LIA of one of the following approved Evidenced Based Home Visiting Models: Healthy Families of America, Parents as Teachers , Nurse Family Partnership, Early Head Start Home Visiting, Family Spirit

Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): WI Ch. 48.983

Program Name:	Targeted Safety Supports Funding (TSSF)		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Safety and Well Being
Funding Cycle:	Federal Fiscal Year (Oct-Sept)	Contact Name:	Kat Kosmaule
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	Kathryn.Kosmaule@wisconsin.gov

Funding Stream(s): Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and federal Title IV-E revenue.

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.

Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): WI Ch. 49.175(1)(t)

Program Name:	Prevention and Early Intervention Grants		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Safety and Well Being
Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year (July-June)	Contact Name:	DeAnna Cobun
Match Requirement:	10%	Email Address:	deanna.cobun@wisconsin.gov

Funding Stream(s): Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Description (Purpose): The goal of the Prevention and Early Intervention Grants is to expand prevention services aimed at reducing the contact families may have with the child welfare system and preventing the removal of children from their homes. Given the long-term impact that child maltreatment can have on a child's life, these grants expand the child abuse and neglect prevention service array through the implementation of evidence-based programs or evidence-informed innovative strategies to meet a community's specific needs.

Target Population: Prevention and Early Intervention services are available to any of the following populations: Parents or relatives caring for children who are at risk of contact with the child welfare system or in contact with the child welfare system and have a child at risk of removal from the home; Children who are at risk of contact with the child welfare system or are in contact with the child welfare system and are at risk of being removed from their home; or Pregnant or parenting youth in out of home care.

Program Requirements: Programs will submit an annual grant application 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. Programs must submit a quarterly report indicating the number of persons served and program outcomes for those persons along with any other pertinent information to the grant.

Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): WI Ch. 49.175(1)(uk)

Program Name:	Connections Count		
Program Type:	Contract	Bureau:	Safety and Well Being
Funding Cycle:	State Fiscal Year (July-June)	Contact Name:	DeAnna Cobun
Match Requirement:	NONE	Email Address:	deanna.cobun@wisconsin.gov

Funding Stream(s): Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

Description (Purpose): Connections Count is a Prevention-Intervention outreach and resource referral program aimed at vulnerable young families. The purpose of the Connections Count program is: (1) to improve and sustain the connectedness of vulnerable families with young children to ongoing formal and natural supports; and (2) to assist these families with accessing benefits and services that could meet their needs. The project targets high need areas in order to reach families with children at risk of child abuse or neglect. It is a voluntary program with individualized services based on each family's needs. The program will address immediate short-term needs as well as facilitate long lasting connections for families that help them to build social capital to support economic and social-emotional stability.

Target Population: Vulnerable families with children under the age of 18 in high-needs communities or neighborhoods that are at risk of experiencing abuse or neglect. A special emphasis is put on seeking out families who may not be connected to systems or services yet, and who may be in need of connections to informal supports as well as formal supports.

Program Requirements: The agency must collect and report demographic, performance measure, and program data in accordance with federal, state, and grant requirements. A quarterly report and annual report template will be provided to the agencies. Agencies will be required to pull provide data summaries, on a quarterly basis, of the following: 1) Family goals: type of goals set, how many completed, how many not completed and why; 2) Participant survey results and feedback, if available at end of quarter; 3) Results of initial and follow up assessments, if available at end of quarter; 4) Data from follow up interview phone calls at 6 months after program completion.

Applicable Statute(s) or Code(s): WI Ch. 49.175(1)(n)