



Tribal Consultation Milestones



- 2004** — ● **Executive Order #39 signed by Governor Jim Doyle.**
- 2005** — ● **DHFS Consultation Policy signed by Secretary Helene Nelson and Governor Jim Doyle.**
First DHFS Tribal Consultation, involving then-Division of Health and Family Services (DHFS), was held in November and resulted in the 2006 Consultation Implementation Plan.
- 2007** — ● **High Cost Pool** created by 2007 Wisconsin Act 20 to provide funds to counties and tribes for unexpected or unusually high costs for out-of-home care placements of Indian children by tribal courts.
- 2008** — ● **Guidelines for Implementation of 161 Agreements** issued via memo.
Case Practice with American Indian Tribes training developed and piloted in 2007 and rolled out to the state child welfare workforce in 2008.
- 2009** — ● **Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act (WICWA)** codified the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) into Chapters 48 and 938. 2009 Wisconsin Act 94 was signed into state law on Dec. 7, 2009.
- 2013** — ● **Tribal Child Care Enhanced Quality Improvement Supports** project initiated with the objective of increasing opportunities for tribal family child care providers to succeed in YoungStar.
First Tribal-State IV-E Passthrough Agreement signed with the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa for child welfare funding.
Tribal Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) codes developed to improve processing child support payments and locating parents.
- 2015** — ● **Tribal Good Faith Negotiation Policy** communicated via memo the Department of Children and Families (DCF) policy about good faith negotiations regarding child welfare in the state.
- 2018** — ● **Child care subsidy/out-of-home care resource** developed from collaboration between Division of Early Care and Education and Division of Safety and Permanence regarding how child care subsidy and out-of-home care policies work together.
- 2019** — ● **Executive Order #18 signed by Governor Evers.**
- 2021** — ● **DCF Consultation Policy signed by Secretary Emilie Amundson and Governor Tony Evers.**
- 2022** — ● **Child care program resource series** created to guide tribal child care program administrators and workers through the processes for Wisconsin Shares certification, subsidy, and program administration.
Tribal Kinship Care Consultation held at the request of tribal leaders to discuss and collaborate on concerns with kinship care.
- 2024** — ● **Expanded definition of “relative” and added “like-kin” definition** related to child welfare practice. 2023 Wisconsin Act 119 was signed into state law on March 14, 2024. The law also expanded eligibility for kinship care subsidy and placement options with like-kin.
- 2025** — ● **Federal Strengthening State and Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act** passed thanks to tribal and state partnership and advocacy to provide tribal child support programs direct access to federal tax information. Part of the Supporting America’s Children and Families Act (Public Law 118-258) signed by President Biden on January 1, 2025.