

Overview and Highlights April 2025

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 conducted a procurement for Tribal Primary Prevention. This request for applications allowed for \$30,000 grants for the 11 federally recognized tribes to implement new child maltreatment primary prevention initiatives or to expand existing prevention initiatives. No applications were received for the current funding cycle. The Prevention Board has been gathering feedback from tribal partners to inform next steps.

Previous Tribal Primary Prevention Grants

SFY24: Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians. Both grantees were able to obtain training in a primary prevention intervention. Families were also supported through Parent Cafés, parent education, and family strengthening events.

SFY23: Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians and Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin provided concrete supports to 97 families. Concrete supports were defined as goods and services that address a family's needs including food, housing, clothing, childcare, etc. Families were also supported through Parent Cafés, parent education, and family strengthening events. The Prevention Board also provided funding to Ho-Chunk Nation, Forest County Potawatomi, and Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to provide family strengthening services to families with a child in regulated child care.

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