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**Date:** October 22 2015

**To:** Child Support Agency Directors

**From:** Kris Randal  
Division Administrator

**RE:** CALENDAR YEAR 2016 PRELIMINARY CHILD SUPPORT ALLOCATIONS

**PURPOSE:**

This Administrator's Memo notifies county child support agencies of the funding allocation information for Calendar Year 2016 (CY 2016).

**BACKGROUND:**

Wisconsin expects to earn approximately \$12.8 million in child support incentives based on Federal Fiscal Year 2014 (FFY 2014) performance in five areas: court order establishment, paternity establishment, collection of current support, arrears collection and cost effectiveness. The desired performance level for court order establishment, paternity establishment, current support collections, and arrears collections is no less than 80%. The goal for cost effectiveness is to collect at least \$5.00 for every \$1.00 expended.

Under state law, the first \$12.34 million of the federal incentive funds is distributed to county child support agencies. Federal law requires that all child support incentives must be spent on the child support program. The department is distributing federal incentive funds, \$8.5 million in General Purpose Revenue (GPR) appropriated in 2015 Act 20, and additional funds, matched by the federal government, associated with the GPR. While the actual federal incentives Wisconsin will receive are unknown until the FFY 2014 incentives are announced in December 2015 or January 2016, the total funding is anticipated to be approximately \$37,782,692. The availability of GPR funding after June 30, 2016 is assumed for purposes of these calculations, however it is dependent on the appropriation of at least \$4.25 million for the first 6 months of SFY 2017. If a GPR appropriation is not approved, all planned distributions to the counties for CY 2016 are will be subject to recalculation.

The Department of Children and Families' funding allocation for the distribution of state and estimated federal incentive funds to the counties in CY 2016 will equal the CY 2015 funding allocation. This decision was determined in conjunction with a recommendation from the WCSEA County Contract Committee.

See the attached *CY16 Preliminary Funding Allocation* spreadsheet for the estimated amounts by county. A separate spreadsheet for each measure by county is also included. Additional detail to clarify the funding totals and calculations is provided on the *CY16 Preliminary Funding by Type* and *Tables and Formulas* documents.

**FUTURE YEARS:**

The department plans to continue distributing funds in future years in a manner that awards performance that meets or exceeds the federal performance standards, or improves from year to year. The department is working with the WCSEA County Contract Committee to examine processes, identify efficiencies and/or make programmatic changes which will improve these performance on these measures as well. Department staff will continue to provide analysis to the committee to describe how federal funding and county performance fluctuations influence formula allocations, and to determine approaches to provide stability to the annual funding amounts allocated to county agencies.

These future plans are subject to discussion and consultation with the counties pursuant to §153.06, Wis. Adm. Code, and may be modified based on those discussions. County agencies should continue to improve their performance, and consider how improved performance might impact their funding.

**CONTACT:** BRO CS Regional Coordinators

**Attachments:**

- [CY16 Preliminary Funding Allocations](#)
- [CY16 Court Order/Paternity](#)
- [CY16 CSUP Collections](#)
- [CY16 Arrears Cases with Payments](#)
- [CY16 Adjusted Caseload](#)
- [CY16 Excellence CSUP](#)
- [CY16 Excellence Arrears](#)
- [CY16 Improvement CSUP](#)
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