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TO: Child Support Agency Directors
FROM: Kris Randal
 Division Administrator
RE: Funding for Employment and Training Program Partnership Models

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Admin Memo is to announce the Child Support Employment and Training Partnership funding awards. We were pleased to receive thirteen applications for this funding, all of which described some level of partnership with local employment and training providers. As stated in the application instructions issued by the Bureau of Child Support (BCS), our goal was to select up to ten 2016 models of robust partnership in order to promote similar collaboration throughout the state. In general, the review team placed high value on applications that described effective referral procedures, formal partnership agreements/teams/committees, actual services provided, number of individuals served, two-way communications with partners and evidence that Noncustodial Parents (NCPs) were moving towards long-term success in the workforce.

Out of the thirteen applicants, three were ruled out because they lacked sufficient description or supporting documentation to effectively compare the partnership structure to other applications. An additional three applicants showed great promise, but were ruled out because the applications described partnerships that had not come to full bloom until very late in 2016 or into 2017.

BCS made \$217,000 available for this purpose. An internal team reviewed the applications from Child Support Agencies (CSAs) and selected awardees based on the level of partnership described. The review team established that county size would be a factor in the amount of funding to be awarded. It was also determined that no award would be smaller than \$20,000 or larger than \$45,000. The review team selected the following successful applicants for award:

Child Support Agency	Amount Awarded
Brown Co. CSA	\$30,000
Dane Co. CSA	\$35,000
Kenosha Co. CSA	\$30,000
Milwaukee Co CSA	\$45,000
Racine Co. CSA	\$30,000
Waukesha Co. CSA	\$27,000
Wood Co. CSA	\$20,000

Awardees will be contacted by BCS staff regarding the disbursement of funds. As indicated in Child Support Letter (CSL)-17-06, Funding for Employment and Training Program Partnership Models, “This funding can be used for any Federal Financial Participation (FFP) eligible costs; there is no other restriction on how the funding can be used.” and “Awardees will not be required to perform any special tracking regarding use of the funding.”

We look forward to seeing the benefits that innovative collaboration with our employment and training partners will offer to the individuals we serve in Wisconsin’s Child Support Program. These models of partnership will help us improve our services to families throughout the state as we learn from them and expand upon their success. We expect to use the same application process and selection criteria in 2018 as we used this year, but we anticipate we will be able to request applications in December and distribute funding in January. Because of the limited amount of funds, we will be selecting the 5-7 best partnerships for awards each year. The Bureau will be issuing a CSL that summarizes what the CSAs who received awards this year are doing and what kinds of results they are seeing, to share possible ideas for growth with all of the CSAs.

Thank you to those CSAs who are working to build or expand upon local partnerships that will help NCPs achieve long-term success in the workforce. Your time and commitment to quality services is to be commended.

CONTACT:

Please submit any questions or concerns to BCS via [KIDPOL](#).

cc: André Small, Director
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