

Division of Safety and Permanence

DSP Numbered Memo Series 2026-28

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To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator
DCF Area Administrators
Child Placing Agency Directors
Child Welfare Agency Directors
County Departments of Community Programs Directors
County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors
Group Home Providers
Private Child Placing Agencies
Residential Care Center Providers
Shelter Care Providers
Tribal Chairpersons



From: John Elliott
Administrator

Re: ***Revisions Made to the Ongoing Services Standards June 2026***

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to communicate the following updates made to child welfare standards in June 2026:

1. Added missing Independent Living requirements from March 2026 update that were unintentionally not included. These updates are further detailed in this [memo](#).
2. Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS) updated to Division of Milwaukee Child Welfare (DMCW) throughout.
3. Minor formatting and grammar updates.

BACKGROUND

In March 2026, significant updates were made to the [Ongoing Services Standards](#). Some updates to the Independent Living Planning and Independent Living Transition to Discharge sections detailed in this [memo](#) were unintentionally left out. Additionally, since the March 2026 update, the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services has become the Division of Milwaukee Child Welfare and thus needed to be accurately reflected in the Ongoing Services Standards. Finally, while making these corrections, general grammar errors were corrected throughout.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

The Ongoing Services Standards have been revised to include Independent Living guidance and eligibility criteria updates that should have been included in the March 2026 publishing of the document. Details of this update can be found in the memo hyperlinked above in the Purpose and Background sections. Effective April 19th, 2026, the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services has changed to the Division of Milwaukee Child Welfare. This name change is reflected throughout the document. Lastly, general grammatical corrections were made.

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MEMO WEB SITE: [Wisconsin Child Welfare Policies and Standards
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ATTACHMENTS: [Ongoing Services Standards June 2026](#)