

A group of diverse children are playing outdoors, blowing bubbles. The scene is bright and sunny, with a soft, warm glow. The children are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred natural setting with trees and foliage.

DCF Fiscal Update WHSFMA Conference May 4-6, 2022

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Topics for DCF Fiscal Update

- General Fiscal Updates
- Child Care Updates
- Child Welfare Updates
- Youth Justice Updates
- Child Support Updates
- Questions



General Fiscal Updates

- Supplier Diversity reporting requirements
 - No Change to reporting requirements now.
 - Considering changes but will wait until 2023 to implement.
- DCF 1 Administrative Rule
 - Still under internal discussion
 - Need new rule scope statement to proceed with rule
- Audit follow up
 - Findings
 - Audit Refunds
- DUNS # replaced by SAMS Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) in 2022
- Civil Rights Compliance Plans <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/civilrights/plans>



The moment when you finally



reconcile that account



Child Care Updates

- CY 2021 Child Care Administration contract deobs/reobs
 - DCF will cover the overspending by counties
 - Watch for contract amendments to come out in May
- Shares rate increase <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/adminmemos/admin-memo-21-02.pdf>
 - Raised the rate from 35 to 80 percent of the estimated cost of child care.
- Child Care Counts <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/childcare/payments>
 - Multiple rounds of payments to providers have been made using federal COVID relief funds.
 - Child Care Counts Stabilization Payment Program



Child Care Updates, cont.

- DCF has more funding to give out – \$194 Million - ARPA funds
 - <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/press/2022/2-10-22-ece-funding.pdf>
- Project Growth Grants – funded by Preschool Development Grant
 - <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare/projectgrowth>
 - Partner Up grants
 - Dream Up grants



Child Care Updates, cont.

- SPARC codes
- Small workgroup was formed last fall to increase the clarity of child care related SPARC code use.
- <https://dcfsparc.wisconsin.gov/codes/cty-contract>
- https://dcfsparc.wisconsin.gov/files/resources/xls/sparc_county_cc_codes_cheat_sheet.pdf



Child Support Updates

- Additional funding for child support agencies in 2021-23 budget
 - <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/w2/admin-memos/pdf/21-06.pdf>
 - GPR is now \$10,760,000 annually for the county child support programs.
- The Child Support CY 2023 Preliminary Funding Administrator's Memo should be published by June 2022.
 - Sign up for memo listserv: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/w2/partners/ops-memos>
- SPARC
 - <https://dcfsparc.wisconsin.gov/resources>





Parody!
"Be 'creative'? I'm an accountant,
not a novelist."



Child Welfare Updates

- Children and Families Allocation – no change for 2022
 - Request for increase not approved in 2021-23 budget
- Kinship Care and Level 1 Foster Care rate increase from \$254 to \$300/month (18%) (Approved in the 2021-2023 budget)
- Subsidized guardianship – state funding for payment costs <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/policy/pdf/memos/2022-08i.pdf>



Child Welfare Updates, cont.

- Title IV-E pass-through rate adjustments for TPR adoption and legal services in 2022
- Child welfare workload study – includes staffing model <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/workload-study>
- Funding for youth aging out of foster care
 - <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/policy/pdf/memos/2021-24i.pdf>



Child Welfare Updates, cont.

- Family First Act implementation
 - October 1, 2021 implementation date for Wisconsin
 - Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs)
 - Affects IV-E claiming for RCCs and Group Homes
 - New documentation requirements in eWiSACWIS
 - In-home prevention services
 - DCF finalizing prevention services plan, services must be evidence based
- Additional TANF \$ for Targeted Safety Support Funds (TSSF)
 - More information in David Harkins session on Friday



Youth Justice Updates

- Youth Aids increase for 2022 – 5% statewide
 - Increase will be allocated based on Youth Aids formula.
 - This is the first youth aids increase in some years.
 - Smaller allocation not folded in.
- AODA, CIP
 - Proposal to consolidate allocations into one allocation not approved in 2021-23 budget
 - CIP grants for SFY 22
- Youth Justice Innovation Grants
 - <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/policy/pdf/memos/2021-16i.pdf>
 - Underspending in Youth Aids allows for these opportunities.
 - Postings for 2022-2023 will be posted in May.



Youth Justice Updates, cont.

- Youth Justice System Redesign Proposals
 - Proposals pulled from the 2021-23 budget.
 - Separate legislation being considered.
- Secured Residential Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCYs)
 - Racine is only county proceeding with SRCCY
 - Approval to borrow funds to construct new state facilities to replace Lincoln Hills/Copper Lakes. Contingent on support from local municipality.
 - Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center is expanding.



Resources

- DCF Website:
 - Doing Business with DCF <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/doingbusinesswith>
 - Allowable Cost Policy Manual
 - Audit Information
 - RMS and RMTS
 - Federal Award Requirements by CFDA
 - Civil Rights Compliance
 - Reports Due Listing
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/areaadmin/coagencyreport2022.pdf>
 - SPARC <https://dcfsparc.wisconsin.gov/>
 - Child welfare funding information <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwfunding>



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