

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin: Gov. Walker's budget provides important funding to improve kids' health and well-being

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MILWAUKEE - Governor Walker's proposed 2017-19 budget includes important funding that will benefit the health and well-being of Wisconsin kids.

Specifically, his budget would:

- provide funding for a school-based anti-bullying program called Act Now! developed by Children's Hospital of Wisconsin;
- enhance access to mental health care by expanding the Child Psychiatric Consultation Program, a partnership between Children's Hospital and the Medical College of Wisconsin, statewide;
- add funding for mental health care in schools;
- and maintain stable funding for Wisconsin's Medicaid and child welfare programs.

"Governor Walker has identified programs that will give greater opportunity for all Wisconsin kids to grow into strong, productive adults," said Peggy Troy, president and CEO of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. "We applaud Governor Walker for recognizing and incentivizing partnerships that help Children's Hospital move closer to our goal of having Wisconsin's kids be the healthiest in the nation."

Children's Hospital leaders will continue to monitor the budget process and look forward to partnering with legislators as they begin deliberating the state budget.