

Gov. Evers: Announces appointment of Linda A. Hall as Director of the Office of Children's Mental Health

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MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today announced his appointment of Linda A. Hall to serve as director of the Office of Children's Mental Health.

Ms. Hall currently serves as executive director of the Wisconsin Association of Family & Children's Agencies (WAFCA) where she works with human services leaders to support a vibrant human services sector focused on opportunities for all Wisconsin families to reach their full potential. Since 2006, Ms. Hall has led WAFCA's mental health and child welfare best practice, policy, and legislative agendas. Ms. Hall has been actively engaged with the Office of Children's Mental Health since 2014 and has served as a member of the Children's Mental Health Collective Impact Executive Council that works to create an integrated system of care by convening stakeholders to design strategies to bring increased well-being to Wisconsin families. Ms. Hall has extensive experience and expertise in children's mental health policy, as well as Medicaid and child welfare, and has worked to advance mental health policy priorities.

"Our children are our future, and it is essential that every child has access to the services and support that they need, particularly mental health," said Gov. Evers. "That's why it is critical for us to have an office that is dedicated to helping connect the dots related to children's mental health to ensure that we are all working together to support Wisconsin's children in achieving their optimal social and emotional well-being. I'm very proud and excited to announce that Linda Hall will be joining my team to serve in this vital leadership role to support the well-being of our families."

“I am honored to be selected for this position and look forward to working with partners across the state to continue to strengthen children’s access to the supports they need for healthy minds and futures fill with promise,” said Ms. Hall.

The Office of Children’s Mental Health was created in the 2013-2015 biennial budget to innovate, integrate, and improve Wisconsin’s child and family service systems so our children, youth, and families thrive. The Office of Children’s Mental Health works to:

- Improve children and families access to services, with a focus on resources provided by the Department of Health Services, Department of Children and Families, Department of Public Instruction, and Department of Corrections, in addition to other Wisconsin organizations;
- Facilitate communication with all child- and family-serving state agencies, coordinate initiatives, and monitor program performance focused on children’s mental health; and
- Support administrative efficiencies to reduce duplication among child- and family-serving state agencies.

Ms. Hall will begin as director of the Office of Children’s Mental Health on July 8, 2019.