

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board: Announces additional funds for family resource centers

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MADISON — The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board announced funds for additional family support to strengthen families through increasing protective factors to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect.

“We know parents are struggling to balance work, parenting and self-care,” said Vicki Tylka, Board Chair. “Children are more likely to thrive when they live in safe, stable, nurturing environments and in families that have the support and opportunities they need to thrive. FRCs serve as community hubs for family support.”

Family Resource Centers are typical providers of family support services in local communities. Family support services are voluntary, community-based services designed to promote the safety and well-being of children and families by preventing abuse or neglect from occurring.

“While every family has challenges, they also have strengths that they can draw upon during difficult times,” said Rebecca Murray, Executive Director. “It’s a critical time to provide additional funds for family support services that promote child, family and community strengths, build parenting skills, and provide access to community supports, thereby reducing the likelihood of child abuse and neglect.”

The following agencies were provided up to \$50,000 to enhance the current family support services in their communities. Agencies are listed alphabetically.

Agency

Counties served

Amount

Children's Hospital and Health System	Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, Racine, Kenosha and Waukesha	\$50,000
Family & Childcare Resources of NEW	Brown, Oconto, Shawano and Marinette	\$50,000
Family Resource Center, Inc.	Eau Claire	\$50,000
Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation	Dodge and Jefferson	\$50,000
Kenosha County DHS (Prevention Services Network)	Kenosha	\$18,750
Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley	Pierce, Polk and St. Croix	\$50,000
The Parenting Network	Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington and Waukesha	\$50,000
The Parenting Place	La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau and Vernon	\$50,000

The Prevention Board was created by the Legislature in 1983 as the lead state agency on child abuse and neglect prevention efforts in Wisconsin. The agency's work is grounded in the strengths-based Protective Factors Framework utilizing a public health approach which incorporates a continuum of prevention strategies to strengthen families. The Prevention Board promotes and supports community-based, family-centered strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect while strengthening family protective factors.