

Dept. of Health Services: Office of Children's Mental Health Director to deliver 2021 Annual Report

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Office of Children's Mental Health Director Linda Hall will update the status of children's mental health in Wisconsin, detail concerning trends, and share what we can do to improve children's well-being.

"We see the continuation of the pre-pandemic years-long trend of increased anxiety and depression among youth," Hall said. "Investments made have allowed Wisconsin to increase the school social worker and psychologist workforce, but the current supply does not meet the treatment demands of our youth. Untreated mental illness as a child has life-long negative effects on adult health and well-being. We need increased collaboration and support from state, county, and community leaders to address this crisis now."

The Annual Report not only highlights the status of Wisconsin children's well-being, but also includes OCMH activities throughout the year, like trauma-informed care trainings for the workforce, listening sessions for youth and clinicians, and the creation of tools and resources to help families address concerns they may have for their children.

Who:

- First Lady Kathy Evers
- Linda Hall, Director, Office of Children's Mental Health
- Karen Katz, Operations Lead, Office of Children's Mental Health
- James Hulce, Young Adult with Lived Experience

When: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Where: <https://dhswi.zoomgov.com/j/1618685715> Meeting ID: 161 868 5715