



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2013 Wisconsin Act 225 [2013 Assembly Bill 741]	Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council and Children's Services Network
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2013 Wisconsin Act 225 relates to the requirement that a Wisconsin Works (W-2) agency establish a children's services network and the membership of the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council ("Partnership Council").

Background

Prior law required each W-2 agency to establish a children's services network to provide information about community resources available to children in a family receiving W-2 benefits. According to testimony, many of these networks were never formed or were dissolved.

Under current law, the Partnership Council is comprised of members of the Milwaukee County Board, the Legislature, and state residents. In addition, the membership of the Partnership Council includes two members who are nominated by a children's services network in Milwaukee County. According to testimony, these two positions have been vacant because there are no children's services networks in Milwaukee County.

Act 225

Act 225 repeals the requirement that each W-2 agency establish a children's services network. The Act also eliminates the positions on the Partnership Council that are nominated by a children's services network in Milwaukee County. Instead, the Act includes in the membership the Milwaukee County District Attorney or his or her designee and the presiding judge of the Children's Division of the Milwaukee County Circuit Court.

Effective date: Act 225 takes effect on April 10, 2014.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.