



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 202
[2017 Senate Bill 390]

Family Treatment Court and Juvenile Treatment Court Programs

2017 Wisconsin Act 202 creates a family treatment grant program and a juvenile treatment court grant program, both of which are administered by the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Under the family treatment grant program, DCF may make grants available to counties and Indian tribes to enable them to establish and operate evidence-based programs to develop intake and court procedures that screen, assess, and provide dispositional alternatives for parents whose children have come under the jurisdiction of the court. Under the juvenile treatment grant program, DCF may make grants available to counties and tribes to enable them to establish and operate evidence-based programs to develop intake and court procedures that screen, assess, and provide dispositional alternatives for juveniles who come under the jurisdiction of the court.

A county or tribe that operates a program funded by a family treatment court or juvenile treatment court grant must do all of the following:

- Establish eligibility criteria for a person's participation in the program.
- Provide services to program participants that are consistent with evidence-based practices in treatment services needed by those participants, including substance abuse treatment services, mental health treatment services, and intensive case management services.
- Provide a multidisciplinary screen, as defined by statute, for program participants.
- Provide a holistic and trauma-informed approach to the treatment of program participants and provide those participants with services that may be needed.
- Integrate all services provided to program participants by state and local government agencies and other organizations.

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>.

A county or tribe that receives a family treatment court or juvenile treatment court grant must create an oversight committee to advise the county or tribe in developing implementing, administering, and evaluating its program, and must also submit data requested by DCF each quarter.

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