

STATE DOCUMENT
The State of Wisconsin
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 349

Relating to the Governor's Fatherhood Initiative

WHEREAS, although single parents can and do successfully raise healthy and well-adjusted children, research confirms the importance of a father's involvement in the development of his children; and

WHEREAS, the involvement of fathers with their children has been shown to positively affect the children, educationally, socially, psychologically and physically; and

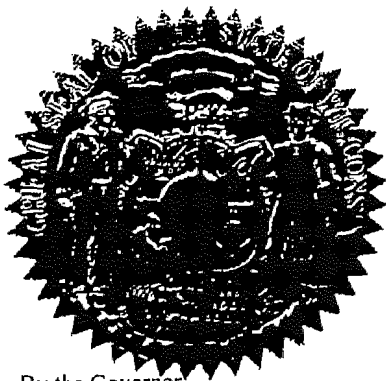
WHEREAS, Wisconsin's welfare and child support programs have been modified to encourage the involvement of both parents in the care and development of their children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, do hereby:

1. Direct all state agencies to review their programs and policies to ensure that fathers are not discouraged from involvement in the development and care of their children, either through programmatic or financial disincentives; and
2. Direct state agencies to make the necessary administrative modifications to programs and policies to ensure that such programs and policies are in compliance with paragraph 1. of this order; and
3. Provide that modifications to programs and policies requiring statutory change shall be identified by state agencies to the Department of Workforce Development; and
4. Direct the Department of Workforce Development to coordinate all legislative action necessary to ensure that programs and policies are in compliance with paragraph 1. of this order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have

hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-seventh day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.



By the Governor.

Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

Tommy G. Thompson

TOMMY G. THOMPSON
Governor

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