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1 **AN ACT** *to create* 48.546 and 938.546 of the statutes; **relating to:** creating family
2 treatment court and juvenile treatment court grant programs in the
3 Department of Children and Families.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 48.546 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **48.546 Family treatment court grant program.** (1) The department may
6 make grants available to counties and Indian tribes to enable them to establish and
7 operate evidence-based programs to develop intake and court procedures that
8 screen, assess, and provide dispositional alternatives for parents whose children
9 have come under the jurisdiction of the court. The programs shall have, as a goal,
10 improving child well-being and the welfare of participants' families by meeting the

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1 comprehensive needs of participants and promoting family reunification wherever
2 possible.

3 (2) The department may make the grants for the programs specified in sub. (1)
4 within the availability of funding under s. 20.437 (1) (nL). The department shall
5 collaborate with the department of health services and the director of state courts in
6 establishing the grant program under this section.

7 (3) A county or Indian tribe that operates a program funded under this section
8 shall do all of the following:

9 (a) Establish eligibility criteria for a person's participation in the program.

10 (b) Provide services to program participants that are consistent with
11 evidence-based practices in treatment services needed by those participants,
12 including substance abuse treatment services, mental health treatment services,
13 and intensive case management services.

14 (c) Provide a multidisciplinary screen as described in s. 48.547 (3) for program
15 participants.

16 (d) Provide a holistic and trauma-informed approach to the treatment of
17 program participants and provide those participants with services that may be
18 needed, as determined by the county or Indian tribe under the program.

19 (e) Integrate all services provided to program participants by state and local
20 government agencies and other organizations. The county or Indian tribe shall
21 require regular communication among a participant's treatment providers, other
22 service providers, the court and court personnel, and any person designated under
23 the program to monitor the participant's compliance with his or her obligations
24 under the program and under the court's order.

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1 (4) A county or Indian tribe that receives a grant under this section shall create
2 an oversight committee to advise the county or Indian tribe in developing,
3 implementing, administering, and evaluating its program.

4 (5) A county or Indian tribe that receives a grant under this section shall
5 submit data requested by the department to the department each quarter. The
6 department may request any data regarding a program funded under this section
7 that is necessary to evaluate the program and prepare the reports under subs. (6) and
8 (7).

9 (6) The department shall, annually, analyze the data submitted under sub. (5)
10 for the previous year and prepare a progress report that evaluates the effectiveness
11 of the program. The department shall make the report available to the public.

12 (7) The department shall, every 5 years, prepare a comprehensive report that
13 analyzes the data submitted under sub. (5) for the previous 5 years, and shall submit
14 the report to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2).

15 (8) A county or Indian tribe may, together with one or more counties or Indian
16 tribes, jointly apply for and receive a grant under this section. A joint application
17 shall include a written agreement specifying the role of each county or Indian tribe
18 in developing, administering, and evaluating the program. The oversight committee
19 established under sub. (4) shall include a representative from each county and
20 Indian tribe operating a joint program.

21 (9) The department shall assist a county or Indian tribe receiving a grant under
22 this section in obtaining funding from other sources for its program.

23 **SECTION 2.** 938.546 of the statutes is created to read:

24 **938.546 Juvenile treatment court grant program.** (1) The department
25 of children and families may make grants available to counties or Indian tribes to

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1 enable them to establish and operate evidence-based programs to develop intake
2 and court procedures that screen, assess, and provide dispositional alternatives for
3 juveniles who come under the jurisdiction of the court. The programs shall have, as
4 a goal, improving juvenile well-being by meeting the comprehensive needs of
5 juveniles, including juveniles' need for care and treatment and for accountability and
6 rehabilitation, consistent with the prevention of delinquency.

7 (2) The department of children and families may make the grants for the
8 programs specified in sub. (1) within the availability of funding under s. 20.437 (1)
9 (nL). The department of children and families shall collaborate with the department
10 of corrections, the department of health services, and the director of state courts in
11 establishing the grant program under this section.

12 (3) A county or Indian tribe that operates a program funded under this section
13 shall do all of the following:

14 (a) Establish eligibility criteria for a juvenile's participation in the program.

15 (b) Provide services to program participants that are consistent with
16 evidence-based practices in treatment services needed by those participants,
17 including substance abuse treatment services, mental health treatment services,
18 and intensive case management services.

19 (c) Provide a multidisciplinary screen as described in s. 938.547 (3) for program
20 participants.

21 (d) Provide a holistic and trauma-informed approach to the treatment of
22 program participants and provide those participants with services that may be
23 needed, as determined by the county or Indian tribe under the program.

24 (e) Integrate all services provided to program participants by state and local
25 government agencies and other organizations. The county or Indian tribe shall

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1 require regular communication among a participant's treatment providers, other
2 service providers, the court and court personnel, and any person designated under
3 the program to monitor the participant's compliance with his or her obligations
4 under the program and under the court's order.

5 (4) A county or Indian tribe that receives a grant under this section shall create
6 an oversight committee to advise the county or Indian tribe in developing,
7 implementing, administering, and evaluating its program.

8 (5) A county or Indian tribe that receives a grant under this section shall
9 submit data requested by the department of children and families to the department
10 of children and families each quarter. The department of children and families may
11 request any data regarding a program funded under this section that is necessary
12 to evaluate the program and prepare the reports under subs. (6) and (7).

13 (6) The department of children and families shall, annually, analyze the data
14 submitted under sub. (5) for the previous year and prepare a progress report that
15 evaluates the effectiveness of the grant program. The department of children and
16 families shall make the report available to the public.

17 (7) The department of children and families shall, every 5 years, prepare a
18 comprehensive report that analyzes the data submitted under sub. (5) for the
19 previous 5 years. The department of children and families shall submit the report
20 to the legislature under s. 13.172 (2).

21 (8) A county or Indian tribe may, together with one or more counties or Indian
22 tribes, jointly apply for and receive a grant under this section. A joint application
23 shall include a written agreement specifying the role of each county or Indian tribe
24 in developing, administering, and evaluating the program. The oversight committee

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2 Indian tribe operating a joint program.

3 (9) The department of children and families shall assist a county or Indian tribe
4 receiving a grant under this section in obtaining funding from other sources for its
5 program.

6 (END)