



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2017 Wisconsin Act 254 [2017 Assembly Bill 785]	Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Grants
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2017 Wisconsin Act 254 directs the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to administer a child abuse and neglect prevention services grant program. Specifically, DCF must award grants to counties, nonprofit organizations, and tribes for the purpose of encouraging innovative practices aimed at reducing the contact that families have with the child welfare system and preventing the removal of children from their homes. The Act designates \$500,000 in federal funds, under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, for the grant program each fiscal year.

Under the Act, grant recipients must provide matching funds equal to 9.89% of the grant amount awarded. DCF must evaluate the effectiveness of the grant program in achieving its stated goals and must, by June 30, 2021, and each odd-numbered year thereafter, submit a report on that evaluation to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature.

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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>.