

1       **AN ACT** *to repeal* 46.56 (8) (L), 46.56 (8) (p) and (q), 46.56 (14) (c) 8. and 46.56 (15)  
 2           (e); *to renumber and amend* 46.56 (3) (d) 2. a.; *to amend* 46.56 (title), 46.56 (1) (a),  
 3           46.56 (1) (b), 46.56 (1) (c), 46.56 (1) (e) to (i), 46.56 (1) (L) to (p), 46.56 (2) (title),  
 4           46.56 (3) (a), 46.56 (3) (b) 1., 2., 4., 5., and 7., 46.56 (3) (d) 1., 46.56 (4), 46.56 (5),  
 5           46.56 (6), 46.56 (6) (c), 46.56 (7), 46.56 (8) (a) to (g), and (h) (intro.), 2., 3., 4., 5.,  
 6           and 6., 46.56 (8) (i) to (k), 46.56 (8) (m) to (o), 46.56 (8) (r) and (s), 46.56 (9), 46.56  
 7           (10) to (13), 46.56 (14) (a), (b) (intro.), 1. and 3. and (c) (intro.) and 1., 46.56 (14)  
 8           (c) 3. and 4., 46.56 (14) (c) 6. and 7., 46.56 (14) (d), 46.56 (15) (a) and (b) (intro.),  
 9           46.56 (15) (b) 2. to 4. and 46.56 (15) (c) and (d); *to repeal and recreate* 46.56 (14)  
 10          (c) 2.; and *to create* 20.435 (7) (cr), 46.56 (1) (ar), 46.56 (1) (bm), 46.56 (1) (im),  
 11          46.56 (1) (ir), 46.56 (1) (q), 46.56 (3) (a) 8., 46.56 (3) (b) 8. to 17., 46.56 (3) (d) 1.  
 12          e. to i., 46.56 (5) (j), 46.56 (6) (d) and (e), 46.56 (8) (h) 7. and 8., 46.56 (15) (b) 1r.,  
 13          46.56 (15) (b) 5. and 59.53 (7m) of the statutes; **relating to:** collaborative systems of  
 14          care for families with children who are involved in multiple systems of care.

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

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE:** This draft is prepared for the joint legislative council’s special committee on strengthening Wisconsin families.

Under current law, s. 46.56, stats., governs the integrated services programs (ISP) for children with severe disabilities. A child with severe disabilities” is defined as follows:

“46.56 (1) (c) “Child with severe disabilities” means an individual who has not attained 18 years of age and whose mental, physical, sensory, behavioral, emotional or developmental disabilities, or whose

combination of multiple disabilities meets all of the following conditions:

1. Is severe in degree.
2. Has persisted for at least one year or is expected to persist for at least one year.
3. Causes substantial limitations in the child's ability to function in the family, the school or the community and with the child's ability to cope with the ordinary demands of life.
4. Causes the child to need services from 2 or more service systems.”.

The ISP began in 1989. As of November 2006, 18 counties operated ISPs. The statute requires a county who operates an ISP to establish a coordinating committee comprised of representatives from multiple systems of care. The coordinating committee must prepare interagency agreements that participating organizations in the ISP agree to follow in creating and operating the ISP. The interagency agreements components are also outlined by statute. The ISP must have one or more service coordination agencies. The service coordinating agency must identify a service coordinator for each child with severe disabilities that participates in the program. Referrals into the ISP may come from many different types of public agencies or organizations, or from the child or the child's family. A treatment team is developed which includes representatives of all service providers working with the family, as well as the family members and the child.

In 2002, the department of health and family services developed a request for proposal for counties to develop coordinated services teams (CST). The CST model is based on the ISP model of integrated services for children and families with multiple needs. As of January 2007, 25 counties operate CSTs.

This draft amends s. 46.56, stats., relating to ISPs, to include CSTs within this statute.

- 1           **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the
- 2           following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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**20.435    Health and Family Services, department of**

(7)    DISABILITY AND ELDER SERVICES AND LOCAL  
ASSISTANCE

(cr)    Coordinated services teams                      GPR                      -0-      \$1,357,000

**SECTION 2.** 20.435 (7) (cr) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (7) (cr) The amounts in the schedule for coordinated services teams under s.  
46.56 (1) (cr).

**SECTION 3.** 46.56 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

**46.56 (title)    ~~Integrated service programs for children with severe disabilities~~**  
**Coordinated services team initiatives for children.**

**SECTION 4.** 46.56 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.56 (1) (a) “Administering agency” means a county department designated by the  
county board of supervisors or tribal governing body to administer the ~~program~~ initiative.

**SECTION 5.** 46.56 (1) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

46.56 (1) (ar) “Advocacy” means the act of assisting a person in pursuing the person’s  
interests or pursuing program benefits to which the person is entitled.

**COMMENT:** Please carefully review this definition.

**SECTION 6.** 46.56 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.56 (1) (b) “Agency” means a public or private nonprofit organization that provides  
~~treatment services for children with severe disabilities and their families~~ services and supports  
for children and families.

**SECTION 7.** 46.56 (1) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

1           46.56 (1) (bm) “Child” or “children” means a person or persons who is under age 18  
2 and is involved in multiple systems of care, or both.

**COMMENT:** Should “child” be defined more broadly for purposes of  
educational eligibility?

3           **SECTION 8.** 46.56 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

4           46.56 (1) (c) “~~Child with severe~~ Severe disabilities” means ~~an individual who has not~~  
5 ~~attained 18 years of age and whose~~ mental, physical, sensory, behavioral, emotional or  
6 developmental disabilities, or ~~whose~~ a combination of multiple disabilities that meets all of  
7 the following conditions:

8           1. Is severe in degree.

9           2. Has persisted for at least one year or is expected to persist for at least one year.

10          3. Causes substantial limitations in the child’s ability to function in the family, the  
11 school or the community and with the child’s ability to cope with the ordinary demands of life.

12          4. Causes the child to need services or supports from 2 or more service systems.

13          **SECTION 9.** 46.56 (1) (e) to (i) of the statutes are amended to read:

14          46.56 (1) (e) “Intake” means the process by which the service coordination agency  
15 initially screens a child ~~with severe disabilities~~ and the child’s family to ~~see if a complete~~  
16 ~~assessment is needed~~ determine eligibility.

17          (f) “~~Integrated services~~ Coordinated services” means treatment, education, care, ~~and~~  
18 ~~support services,~~ and supports provided, in a coordinated manner, for a child ~~with severe~~  
19 ~~disabilities~~ and his or her family.

20          (g) “~~Integrated service plan~~ Coordinated services plan of care” means the plan for  
21 treatment, education ~~and support~~ , care services, and supports for an eligible child ~~with severe~~  
22 ~~disabilities~~ and the child’s family under sub. (8) (h).

1 (h) "Interagency agreement" means a written document of understanding among  
2 service providers and other partner agencies that identifies mutual responsibilities for  
3 implementing ~~integrated~~ coordinated services for children ~~with severe disabilities~~ and their  
4 families.

5 (i) "~~Interdisciplinary team~~ Coordinated services team" means a group of professionals,  
6 assembled by the service coordinator, from various service systems who meet all of the  
7 following criteria:

8 1. ~~Are skilled in providing treatment, education and support services for children with~~  
9 ~~severe disabilities and their families.~~

10 2. ~~Conduct comprehensive evaluations of the child with severe disabilities and the~~  
11 ~~child's family's needs for treatment and support services.~~

12 3. ~~Possess skills and knowledge of the needs or dysfunctions of the specific type~~  
13 ~~presented by the child being assessed.~~

14 4. ~~Are providing treatment, education or support services to the child with severe~~  
15 ~~disabilities or the child's family, if the child or the child's family is receiving any treatment,~~  
16 ~~education or support services~~ process by which a group of individuals, including family  
17 members, service providers, and informal support persons, work together to respond to service  
18 needs faced by a child and his or her family who is involved with multiple systems of care.

19 **SECTION 10.** 46.56 (1) (im) of the statutes is created to read:

20 46.56 (1) (im) "Multiple systems of care" means more than one system that provides  
21 treatment, services and supports, or sanctions to an individual or family, including mental  
22 health, alcohol or other drug abuse, education, corrections, economic support, and child  
23 welfare.

24 **SECTION 11.** 46.56 (1) (ir) of the statutes is created to read:

1           46.56 (1) (ir) “Participant” means a child, or a member of the child’s family.

2           **SECTION 12.** 46.56 (1) (L) to (p) of the statutes are amended to read:

3           46.56 (1) (L) “Service coordination” means ~~a case management service that coordinates~~  
4 the coordination of multiple service providers and informal supports who are serving a  
5 ~~particular child with severe disabilities and the child’s family~~ the identified participant. The  
6 term includes ~~arrangement for~~ coordination of the assessment process, development of an  
7 ~~integrated service plan~~ a coordinated plan of care based on the strengths and needs identified  
8 in the assessment, advocacy for the needs of the ~~child and the child’s family~~ participant,  
9 monitoring of the ~~child’s~~ participant’s progress, facilitation of periodic reviews of the  
10 ~~integrated service plan~~ plan of care and coordination and maintenance of clear lines of  
11 communication among all service providers and supports and the ~~child and the child’s family~~  
12 participant.

13           (m) “Service coordination agency” means a county department, tribe, agency, school  
14 district, cooperative educational service agency or county children with disabilities education  
15 board designated in an interagency agreement by a coordinating committee to provide intake  
16 and service coordination for one or more target groups of eligible children with severe  
17 disabilities and their families.

18           (n) “Service coordinator” means an individual who is qualified by specialized training  
19 and ~~clinical~~ experience with children ~~with severe disabilities~~ and their families, who receive  
20 ongoing coaching and support, and who is appointed by the service coordination agency to  
21 provide coordination of treatment, education ~~and~~, support, and services for eligible children  
22 ~~with severe disabilities~~ and their families.

23           (o) “Service system” means the public and private organizations that provide  
24 specialized services for children with mental, physical, sensory, behavioral, emotional or

1 developmental disabilities or that provide child welfare, alcohol or other drug abuse, juvenile  
2 justice, educational or health care services for children.

3 (p) ~~“Treatment services~~ Services and supports” means the individualized social,  
4 emotional, behavioral and medical services and supports designed to bring about habilitation,  
5 rehabilitation, recovery, and appropriate developmental growth of ~~a child with severe~~  
6 disabilities the child, based on the child and family’s identified strengths and needs.

7 **SECTION 13.** 46.56 (1) (q) of the statutes is created to read:

8 46.56 (1) (q) “Tribal governing body” means the governing body of a federally  
9 recognized American Indian tribe or band.

10 **SECTION 14.** 46.56 (2) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 46.56 (2) (title) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMS COORDINATED SERVICES TEAM INITIATIVES.  
12 If a county board of supervisors or tribal governing body establishes a program under s. 59.53  
13 (7), it shall appoint a coordinating committee and designate an administering agency. The  
14 program or coordinated services team may be funded by the county or the county board of  
15 supervisors or tribal governing body may apply for funding by the state in accordance with  
16 sub. (15).

17 **SECTION 15.** 46.56 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 46.56 (3) (a) The coordinating committee shall have the responsibilities specified in par.  
19 (d) and shall include representatives from all of the following:

20 1. The county or tribal department responsible for child welfare and protection services.  
21 2. The county or tribal department responsible for mental health and alcohol and drug  
22 abuse services for children and families.

23 3. The county or tribal department responsible for providing services for children who  
24 are developmentally disabled.

1           4. The family support program under s. 46.985 if the county or tribe has a family support  
2 program.

3           5. The juvenile court administrator or another representative appointed by the judge  
4 responsible for cases heard under chs. 48 and 938.

5           6. The largest school district in the county or tribe and any cooperative educational  
6 service agency, if it provides special education in the county or tribe, or any county or tribal  
7 children with disabilities education board in the county or tribe, and any other school district  
8 in the county or tribe that is willing to participate in the ~~program~~ initiative, at the discretion  
9 of the administering agency.

10          7. At least 2 parents of children ~~with severe disabilities~~, or the number of parents of  
11 children ~~with severe disabilities~~ that it will take to make the parent representation equal to 25%  
12 of the coordinating committee's membership, whichever is greater.

13           **SECTION 16.** 46.56 (3) (a) 8. of the statutes is created to read:

14           46.56 **(3)** (a) 8. The agency responsible for economic support programs.

15           **SECTION 17.** 46.56 (3) (b) 1., 2., 4., 5., and 7. of the statutes are amended to read:

16           46.56 **(3)** (b) The coordinating committee may include any of the following:

17           1. Representatives of the vocational rehabilitation office that provides services to the  
18 county or tribe.

19           2. Representatives of a technical college district that is located in the county or tribe.

20           4. Representatives of health maintenance organizations that are operating in the county  
21 or tribe.

22           5. Representatives of law enforcement agencies that are located in the county or tribe.

23           7. Representatives of agencies that are located in the county or tribe.

24           **SECTION 18.** 46.56 (3) (b) 8. to 17. of the statutes are created to read:



1 46.56 (3) (b) 8. Elected Officials.

2 9. Representatives of vocational and technical school.

3 10. Local business representatives.

4 11. Community organizations serving children and families.

5 12. Representatives of the county board or tribal council.

6 13. Representatives of the regional offices of the department.

7 14. Representatives of the local clergy.

8 15. Representatives of probation and parole.

9 16. Representatives of economic support agencies.

10 17. Representatives of vocational rehabilitation programs.

11 **SECTION 19.** 46.56 (3) (d) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

12 46.56 (3) (d) 1. a. Prepare one or more interagency agreements in accordance with sub.  
13 (5) that all participatory organizations in the ~~program~~ initiative agree to follow in creating and  
14 operating a ~~program~~ an initiative. The interagency agreement shall outline the mission,  
15 values, and principles of the initiative, as well as expectations for partner organizations,  
16 including funding match.

17 b. Assess how the ~~program~~ initiative relates to other service coordination programs  
18 operating at the county, tribal, or local level and take steps to work with the other service  
19 coordination programs and to avoid duplication of activities, services, and supports.

20 c. If a county or tribe applies for funding under sub. (15), assist the administering agency  
21 in developing the application required under sub. (15) (b).

22 d. Review determinations by the service coordination agency regarding eligibility,  
23 assessment, appropriate services and supports, or funding of services and supports at the  
24 request of any applicant, recipient, parent, or participating county department or tribe, agency,

1 school district, cooperative educational service agencies, or county children with disabilities  
2 education boards. The committee shall adopt written procedures for conducting reviews.

3 **SECTION 20.** 46.56 (3) (d) 1. e. to i. of the statutes are created to read:

4 46.56 (3) (d) 1. e. Establish operational policies and procedures, such as referral and  
5 screening procedures, conflict resolution policy, and a flexible funding policy and ensure they  
6 are monitored and adhered to.

7 f. Ensure quality, including adherence to core values as adopted by the state advisory  
8 commission.

9 g. Develop a plan for orientation of new coordinating committee members and  
10 coordinated services team members to the coordinated services team process.

11 h. Identify and address gaps in services.

12 i. Ensure agency and partner satisfaction.

13 **SECTION 21.** 46.56 (3) (d) 2. a. of the statutes is renumbered 46.56 (3) (d) 1. h. and i.  
14 and amended to read:

15 46.56 (3) (d) 1. h. Act Plan for sustainability of the system change beginning in the first  
16 year of funding and thereafter by:

17 a. Acting as a consortium to pursue additional funding for the program initiative  
18 through grants from the state or federal government or private foundations.

19 b. Maintaining formal collaborative agency relationships.

20 c. Including families in the process.

21 d. Addressing funding and required match issues.

22 e. Planning for realized savings from substitute care budgets to be reinvested in  
23 community-based care.

1 i. Establish target groups of children ~~with severe disabilities~~ and their families to be  
2 served ~~based on disability of the child, age of the child, geographic areas within the county~~  
3 ~~and other factors with the approval of the department~~ by the initiative. If a county or tribe  
4 applies for funding under sub. (15), children with severe emotional disabilities are required  
5 to be a ~~target group~~ target groups.

6 **SECTION 22.** 46.56 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 46.56 (4) **ROLE OF ADMINISTERING AGENCY.** The administering agency designated under  
8 sub. (2) shall do all of the following:

9 (a) ~~Oversee~~ Assist the coordinating committee in oversight of the development and  
10 implementation of the ~~program~~ initiative and designate the staff needed for the ~~program~~  
11 initiative.

12 (b) Assist the coordinating committee in drafting and executing interagency  
13 agreements and any other ~~operations~~ policies and procedures necessary for the start-up and  
14 operation of the ~~program~~ initiative.

15 (c) ~~Distribute~~ Assist the coordinating committee in distributing information about the  
16 availability and operation of the ~~program~~ initiative to the general public as well as to public  
17 or private service providers who might seek to make referrals to the ~~program~~ initiative.

18 (d) If the county board of supervisors or tribal governing body decides to seek state  
19 funding under sub. (15), develop the application in cooperation with the coordinating  
20 committee.

21 (e) Undertake such other activities in compliance with another provision of the statutes,  
22 department rules and guidelines, interagency agreements and the directions of the  
23 coordinating committee as are necessary to ensure the effective and efficient operation of the  
24 ~~program~~ initiative.

1           **SECTION 23.** 46.56 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           46.56 (5) INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT. An interagency agreement shall include all of the  
3 following:

4           (a) The identity of every county department, tribal, county, or private agency, school  
5 district, cooperative educational service agency or county children with disabilities education  
6 board, technical college district or other organization that will participate in the ~~program~~  
7 initiative.

8           (b) The identification of services and resources that the participating organizations will  
9 commit to the ~~program~~ initiative or will seek to obtain, including joint funding of services and  
10 supports and funding for the qualified staff needed to support the ~~program~~ initiative.  
11 Examples may include, but are not limited to, cash or in-kind services and support such as staff  
12 time and availability to participate on teams and committees; meeting space for teams and  
13 committee meetings; role and responsibilities of agencies at the coordinated services team  
14 level; and role and responsibilities of agencies at the coordinating committee level.

15           (c) The designation of service coordination agencies.

16           (d) The identification of any group of children with severe disabilities, involved in  
17 multiple systems of care, or both, who will be targeted for services and supports through the  
18 ~~program~~ initiative.

19           (e) The procedures for outreach, referral, intake, assessment, case planning and service  
20 coordination that the ~~program~~ initiative will use.

21           (f) The specific criteria, based on sub. (7), that will be used for deciding whether a child  
22 with severe disabilities, involved in multiple systems of care, or both, and his or her family  
23 are eligible for services and supports through the ~~program~~ initiative.

1 (g) The procedures to be followed to obtain any required authorizations for sharing of  
2 confidential information among organizations providing treatment, education ~~and~~ support,  
3 and services to a child with severe disabilities involved in multiple systems of care, or both,  
4 and his or her family.

5 (h) The procedures that will be used for resolving conflicts among service providers,  
6 coordinated services team members, or between clients and service providers.

7 (i) The methods that will be used to measure ~~program~~ initiative effectiveness, including  
8 client satisfaction, and for revising the operation of the ~~program~~ initiative in light of evaluation  
9 results.

10 **SECTION 24.** 46.56 (5) (j) of the statutes is created to read:

11 46.56 (5) (j) The mission and core values of the coordinated services team initiative.

12 **SECTION 25.** 46.56 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 46.56 (6) ROLES OF SERVICE COORDINATION AGENCY, SERVICE COORDINATOR, PROJECT  
14 COORDINATOR, AND INTERDISCIPLINARY THE COORDINATED SERVICES TEAM. (a) There may be one  
15 or more service coordination agencies participating under the ~~program~~ initiative. The  
16 organizations and the target groups that are to be served shall be identified in the interagency  
17 agreement under sub. (5). A service coordination agency shall:

18 1. Be selected based on the experience of the service coordination agency or its staff  
19 in providing services and supports;

20 2. Identify a specific individual to act as service coordinator for each child with severe  
21 ~~disabilities~~ and the child's family to facilitate the implementation of the ~~integrated service plan~~  
22 coordinated services plan of care;

23 3. Provide or arrange for intake, assessment, ~~case planning~~ development of the plan of  
24 care, and service coordination under sub. (8); and

1           4. Act as a resource for information about other services and supports for children with  
2 ~~severe disabilities~~ and their families who are not eligible for the ~~program~~ initiative, if the  
3 coordinating committee determines that this service or support can be provided without  
4 interfering with the primary purpose of the ~~program~~ initiative.

5           **SECTION 26.** 46.56 (6) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           46.56 (6) (c) The ~~interdisciplinary~~ coordinated services team shall have the functions  
7 specified under sub. (8) (f) and (h).

8           **SECTION 27.** 46.56 (6) (d) and (e) of the statutes are created to read:

9           46.56 (6) (d) The project coordinator shall ensure the following functions are  
10 performed:

11           1. Bring together parents and relevant staff from various agencies and organizations to  
12 comprise the coordinating committee as specified in sub. (3) (a) and (b), and support their  
13 activities, ensuring compliance with established policies and procedures specified in sub. (3)  
14 (d).

15           2. Work with the coordinating committee to maintain active organizational support as  
16 established in the interagency agreement.

17           3. Work with the coordinating committee and service coordination agency to receive  
18 and review referrals.

19           4. Work with the coordinating committee and service coordination agency to assure  
20 provision of service coordination services for all family teams.

21           5. Guide the development of family teams, ensuring compliance with basic principles  
22 of the coordinated services team initiative core values.

23           6. Review plans of care, including crisis response plans for consistency with  
24 coordinated services team process and core values.

1           7. Assist the coordinating committee and family teams in establishing consistent  
2 measures for initiative development, implementation, evaluation, and monitoring of the  
3 project and outcomes.

4           8. Facilitate public education and awareness of issues and programming for families  
5 and children.

6           9. Ensure ongoing support and training related to the coordinated services team process  
7 to families and providers, including orientation for coordinated services team members.

8           10. Support service providers in developing strategies to enhance existing  
9 programming, increasing resources, and establishing new resources relevant to project goals  
10 and objectives.

11           11. Conduct liaison duties with local and state agencies ensuring data and reports are  
12 submitted in an accurate and timely manner.

13           (e) Additional duties may include:

14           1. Maintain data of enrollments and screening results.

15           2. Establish and report monitoring and evaluation results.

16           3. Monitor targeted case management and Medicaid in-home activities, including  
17 record keeping and billing processes.

18           4. Assist in developing and maintaining additional funding sources, including  
19 collaborative efforts with system partners.

20           5. Assist in the development and implementation of family advocacy services.

21           **SECTION 28.** 46.56 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

22           46.56 (7) ELIGIBILITY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. Children ~~with severe disabilities~~ and  
23 their families shall be eligible for the program initiative. The coordinating committee may  
24 establish specific additional criteria for eligibility for services and may establish certain target

1 groups of children ~~with severe disabilities~~ to receive services. If target groups are established,  
2 only children ~~with severe disabilities~~ falling within the target groups are eligible for the  
3 program or the coordinated services teams. Any eligibility criteria shall meet all of the  
4 following conditions:

5 (a) Be based on a community assessment that identifies areas of greatest need for  
6 integrated coordinated services for children ~~with severe disabilities~~.

7 (b) Give priority to children ~~with severe disabilities~~ who are at risk of placement outside  
8 the home or who are in an institution and are not receiving integrated coordinated  
9 community-based services and supports, or who would be able to return to community  
10 placement or their homes from an institutional placement if such services and supports were  
11 provided.

12 (c) Not exclude a child ~~with severe disabilities~~ or that child's family from services or  
13 supports because of lack of ability to pay.

14 **SECTION 29.** 46.56 (8) (a) to (g), and (h) (intro.), 2., 3., 4., 5., and 6., of the statutes are  
15 amended to read:

16 46.56 (8) (a) Referrals to the ~~program~~ initiative may come from any county departments  
17 tribal governing bodies, agencies, school districts, cooperative educational service agencies,  
18 county children with disabilities education boards, technical college districts, courts assigned  
19 to exercise jurisdiction under chs. 48 and 938 or any other organization or the child ~~with severe~~  
20 ~~disabilities~~ or his or her family may contact the administering agency or service coordination  
21 agency to request services and supports.

22 (b) Upon referral, staff from the service coordination agency or designated by the  
23 coordinating committee shall screen the referral to determine if the child ~~with severe~~  
24 ~~disabilities~~ and the child's family appear to meet the eligibility criteria and any target groups



1 established by the coordinating committee. If the child ~~with severe disabilities~~ and the child's  
2 family appear to be eligible, the staff shall ~~gather~~ assist the referring person, and parent or  
3 parents, in gathering necessary information from the child's family and any current service  
4 providers to prepare an application for the program initiative.

5 (c) Consent for release of information and participation of a child ~~with severe~~  
6 ~~disabilities~~ and his or her family in the program initiative and in the program initiative  
7 evaluation must be obtained from the child's parent, or the child, if appropriate or required,  
8 or by order of a court with appropriate jurisdiction.

9 (d) The individuals designated by the coordinating committee or service coordination  
10 agency shall review the completed application with the family, and, in light of the eligibility  
11 criteria in the interagency agreement and sub. (7), determine whether the child ~~with severe~~  
12 ~~disabilities~~ and the child's family are appropriate for services ~~through the program enrollment~~  
13 in the coordinated services team initiative. The ~~service agency~~ individuals designated by the  
14 coordinating committee or service coordination agency shall approve or disapprove each  
15 application within 30 days after the date on which the application was received.

16 (e) If the child ~~with severe disabilities~~ and the child's family are found to be ineligible,  
17 or it is determined that involvement in the initiative is not the best way to meet the needs, staff  
18 ~~from the~~ identified by the coordinating committee or service coordination agency shall assist  
19 them in ~~obtaining~~ identifying and accessing needed services or supports from appropriate  
20 providers or resources.

21 (f) If the child ~~with severe disabilities~~ and the child's family are found to be eligible for  
22 ~~the program enrollment in the coordinated services teams initiative,~~ the agency shall assign  
23 a service coordinator who shall assemble an ~~interdisciplinary~~ a coordinated services team to

1 assess the strengths and needs of the child ~~with severe disabilities~~ and the child's family's need  
2 for treatment, education, care and support.

3 (g) The service coordinator shall assemble the results of all prior relevant assessments  
4 and evaluations documenting the service strengths and needs of the child ~~with severe~~  
5 ~~disabilities~~ and the child's family, including ~~individualized education program team~~  
6 ~~evaluations under s. 115.782 or independent educational evaluations, court-ordered~~  
7 ~~evaluations under s. 48.295 or 938.295, family support program evaluations, community~~  
8 ~~integration program or community options program assessments, and any other available~~  
9 ~~medical, psychiatric, psychological, vocational or developmental~~ educational, medical,  
10 vocational, and psychosocial evaluations.

11 (h) (intro.) The ~~interdisciplinary~~ coordinated services team, the family of the child ~~with~~  
12 ~~severe disabilities~~ and the service coordinator shall, based on a review of a summary of  
13 existing assessments of strengths and needs that have been assembled and any additional  
14 evaluations and plans that they or the family find to be necessary, prepare ~~an integrated service~~  
15 a strength-based, gender and culturally competent, coordinated services plan of care within  
16 60 days after the date on which the application was ~~received~~ approved. The ~~integrated service~~  
17 coordinated services plan of care shall include all of the following:

18 2. The short-term and long-term goals ~~for treatment and support services for~~ to address  
19 the needs of the child ~~with severe disabilities~~ and the child's family.

20 3. The supports and services needed by the child ~~with severe disabilities~~ and the child's  
21 family, including the identity of each individual and organization that will be responsible for  
22 providing a ~~portion of the treatment, education and support services to be offered to the child~~  
23 ~~and the child's family, and the specific services that each organization will provide~~ the services

1 and supports. Emphasis shall be placed on resources available through community and natural  
2 supports.

3 4. Criteria for measuring the effectiveness and appropriateness of the ~~integrated service~~  
4 ~~plan~~ coordinated services plan of care so that it can be modified as needed to better meet the  
5 child's and the child's family's needs. Plans shall be oriented to meaningful outcomes and to  
6 the least restrictive setting possible.

7 5. Identification of any administrative or judicial procedures under ch. 48, 51, 55, 115,  
8 118, or 938 that may be necessary in order to fully implement the ~~integrated service plan~~  
9 coordinated services plan of care and the identity of the individual or organization that will  
10 be responsible for initiating those procedures, if any are required.

11 6. Identification of available sources of funding to support the services and supports  
12 needed for the child ~~with severe disabilities~~ and his or her family and an allocation of funding  
13 responsibility among organizations where more than one organization is responsible for the  
14 child's and the child's family's treatment, education and support services.

15 **SECTION 30.** 46.56 (8) (h) 7. and 8. of the statutes are created to read:

16 46.56 (8) (h) 7. Clear statements articulating the specific needs of the child and family  
17 to be addressed. Needs may not be stated in terms of services.

18 8. Plans for responding to possible crisis situations that may occur with the child and  
19 the child's family at home, in school, or in the community.

20 **SECTION 31.** 46.56 (8) (i) to (k) of the statutes are amended to read:

21 46.56 (8) (i) If additional evaluations are needed, the ~~service coordination agency~~  
22 coordinated services team shall arrange for them or assist the child's family in obtaining them.

23 (j) The proposed ~~integrated service plan~~ coordinated services plan of care shall be  
24 submitted to any service providers who would be included in the ~~integrated service plan and~~

1 the court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under chs. 48 and 938 if participation in the program  
2 has been court ordered under s. 48.345 (6m) or 938.34 (6m) coordinated services plan of care.

3 (k) Upon written approval of the ~~integrated service plan~~ coordinated services plan of  
4 care by the proposed service providers and, the child's family, and coordinated services team  
5 ~~unless the child's involvement in the program is through court order under s. 48.355 or~~  
6 ~~938.355, in which case approval of the court may be substituted for that of the family, the~~  
7 ~~integrated service plan~~ coordinated services plan of care shall be implemented by the service  
8 coordination agency and the ~~service providers~~ individuals and organizations designated to  
9 provide services and supports under the ~~integrated service plan~~ coordinated services plan of  
10 care.

11 **SECTION 32.** 46.56 (8) (L) of the statutes is repealed.

12 **SECTION 33.** 46.56 (8) (m) to (o) of the statutes are amended to read:

13 46.56 (8) (m) Each organization or service provider designated to provide services and  
14 supports under the ~~integrated service~~ coordinated services plan of care shall identify a specific  
15 staff person who shall serve as the ongoing ~~member of a treatment team~~ contact person to  
16 ensure continuity and communication while services are being provided to the child ~~with~~  
17 ~~severe disabilities~~ and his or her family under the ~~integrated service~~ coordinated services plan  
18 of care. The service coordinator shall coordinate the operations of the ~~treatment~~ coordinated  
19 services team.

20 (n) The service coordinator shall advocate for the child ~~with severe disabilities~~ and the  
21 child's family and ensure that they are provided the opportunity to participate in assessment,  
22 planning and ongoing review of services to the fullest extent possible.

1 (o) Services and supports under this section shall be provided in the community in the  
2 least restrictive and least intrusive setting, and preferably in the home or home community,  
3 and manner which meets the best interests of the child ~~with severe disabilities.~~

4 **SECTION 34.** 46.56 (8) (p) and (q) of the statutes are repealed.

5 **SECTION 35.** 46.56 (8) (r) and (s) of the statutes are amended to read:

6 46.56 (8) (r) ~~The~~ On a regular basis, as defined by the specific strengths and needs of  
7 each coordinated services team, the service coordinator shall, ~~when necessary and at least~~  
8 ~~every 6 months,~~ assemble the treatment coordinated services team, the family of the child ~~with~~  
9 ~~severe disabilities,~~ the child ~~with severe disabilities,~~ where appropriate, and any counsel,  
10 guardian ad litem or other person advocating for the interests of the child ~~with severe~~  
11 ~~disabilities~~ or the child's family to review the ~~integrated service~~ coordinated services plan of  
12 care, progress toward the goals of the ~~integrated service plan of care,~~ establish new goals,  
13 request the inclusion of new participating organizations or individuals, or otherwise modify  
14 the ~~integrated service~~ coordinated services plan of care to better meet the needs of the child  
15 ~~with severe disabilities~~ and the child's family. Decisions to amend the ~~integrated service~~  
16 coordinated services plan of care must be approved by the service coordinator, the ~~treatment~~  
17 coordinated services team, the family and, where the ~~integrated service plan of care~~ is being  
18 provided under a court order, by the court. Coordinated services teams shall meet at least once  
19 every 3 months.

20 (s) ~~Services under the integrated service plan may be terminated~~ The team process may  
21 be transitioned by the agreement of all participants on the coordinated services team that the  
22 goals of treatment and support have been met ~~and that an integrated service plan is no longer~~  
23 ~~needed, by order of the court if services are being provided under court order, or are being met;~~  
24 by withdrawal of the family of the child ~~with severe disabilities unless participation is court~~

1 ordered, ~~or~~; by the service coordination agency upon a recommendation from the service  
2 coordinator and the ~~treatment~~ coordinated services team; ~~that further services are not in the~~  
3 ~~child's best interests, or the family refuses to participate in the process; or that the child with~~  
4 ~~severe disabilities and child's family no longer meet the eligibility criteria for the program or~~  
5 for the coordinated services team; or by court order, if services are being provided under court  
6 order.

7 **SECTION 36.** 46.56 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

8 46.56 (9) IMMEDIATE CARE. Individual county departments, tribal governing bodies,  
9 other agencies and other service providers may shall provide immediate services and supports  
10 as necessary and appropriate to children with severe disabilities and their families who have  
11 been referred for participation in the ~~program~~ initiative while assessment and planning take  
12 place.

13 **SECTION 37.** 46.56 (10) to (13) of the statutes are amended to read:

14 46.56 (10) ~~RELATION TO FAMILY~~ OTHER SUPPORT PROGRAM PROGRAMS. In any county or  
15 tribe that has a family support program under s. 46.985, or other support programs such as  
16 comprehensive community services or office of justice assistance programs, the ~~integrated~~  
17 ~~service program~~ coordinated services initiative shall coordinate its activities with the family  
18 other support program programs. ~~The administering agency for the family support program~~  
19 ~~may act as a service coordination agency for the integrated service program and the family~~  
20 ~~support program advisory committee may act as the coordinating committee if the~~  
21 ~~requirements of this section are met and the department gives its approval.~~

22 (11) ~~INFORMAL CONFLICT~~ CONFLICT MANAGEMENT. The department, administering  
23 agency, service coordination agencies and service coordinators shall establish and use  
24 informal means for conflict management, including consultation, mediation and independent

1 assessment, whenever possible. A formal conflict management policy shall be established in  
2 writing by the coordinating committee for use by families, providers, and other individuals  
3 involved in the coordinated services team initiative.

4 (12) ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS. Decisions by the service coordination agency regarding  
5 eligibility, denial, termination, reduction or appropriateness of services may be appealed to  
6 the coordinating committee by a child ~~with severe disabilities~~ who is a service applicant or  
7 recipient or the parent or guardian or guardian ad litem of the applicant or recipient. Decisions  
8 of the coordinating committee may be appealed to the department under ch. 227.

9 (13) REVIEW OF ACTIONS BY INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES. Nothing in this section shall limit,  
10 modify or expand the rights, remedies or procedures established in federal or state law for  
11 individuals or families receiving services provided by individual organizations that are  
12 participating in the ~~integrated service plan of care.~~

13 SECTION 38. 46.56 (14) (a), (b) (intro.), 1. and 3. and (c) (intro.) and 1. of the statutes  
14 are amended to read:

15 46.56 (14) (a) In order to support the development of a comprehensive system of  
16 coordinated care for children ~~with severe disabilities~~ and their families, the department shall  
17 establish a statewide advisory committee with representatives of county departments and  
18 tribal governing bodies, the department of public instruction, educational agencies, the  
19 department of corrections, the correctional system, professionals experienced in the provision  
20 of services to children ~~with severe disabilities, and their families with children with severe~~  
21 ~~disabilities~~, advocates for such families and their children, the subunit of the department of  
22 workforce development that administers economic support programs and vocational  
23 rehabilitation, the technical college system, health care providers, courts assigned to exercise  
24 jurisdiction under chs. 48 and 938, the subunit of the department administering child welfare,

1 child welfare officials, and other appropriate persons as selected by the department. The  
2 department may use an existing committee for this purpose if it has representatives from the  
3 listed groups and is willing to perform the required functions. This committee shall monitor  
4 the development of ~~programs~~ initiatives throughout the state and support communication and  
5 mutual assistance among operating ~~programs~~ initiatives as well as those that are being  
6 developed.

7 (b) (intro.) The department shall provide, either directly or through purchase of  
8 services, the following support services to the counties and tribes that elect to participate in  
9 the ~~program~~ initiative:

10 1. Consultation in the areas of developing and maintaining individual ~~integrated service~~  
11 ~~plans~~ initiatives, and finding appropriate resources, ~~and establishing and maintaining local~~  
12 ~~programs~~.

13 3. Assessment resources for cases where no local evaluation resource is available or  
14 sufficient to enable development of an effective ~~integrated service plan~~ coordinated services  
15 plan of care. These may be provided directly through state-operated programs or by referral  
16 to private service providers.

17 (c) (intro.) The department shall evaluate the ~~programs~~ initiatives funded under this  
18 section. All organizations participating in the ~~program~~ initiative shall cooperate with the  
19 evaluation. The evaluation shall include information about all of the following:

20 1. The number of days that children ~~with severe disabilities served in the programs~~ spent  
21 in out-of-home placement ~~compared to other children with severe disabilities in the target~~  
22 ~~group~~ and the costs associated with these placements.

23 **SECTION 39.** 46.56 (14) (c) 2. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

24 46.56 **(14)** (c) 2. A systems change and sustainability plan.



1           **SECTION 40.** 46.56 (14) (c) 3. and 4. of the statutes are amended to read:

2           46.56 (14) (c) 3. A comparison between any changes in problem behaviors of  
3 participants before and after participation in the ~~program~~ initiative.

4           4. A comparison between school attendance and performance of participants before and  
5 after participation in the ~~program~~ initiative.

6           **SECTION 41.** 46.56 (14) (c) 6. and 7. of the statutes are amended to read:

7           46.56 (14) (c) 6. Parent and child satisfaction with the ~~program~~ initiative.

8           7. Types of services provided to children ~~with severe disabilities~~ and their families in  
9 the ~~program~~ initiative through the ~~integrated service plan~~ coordinated services initiative and  
10 the cost of these services.

11           **SECTION 42.** 46.56 (14) (c) 8. of the statutes is repealed.

12           **SECTION 43.** 46.56 (14) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           46.56 (14) (d) Notwithstanding sub. (1) (c) (intro.), if the state is funding the ~~program~~  
14 initiative in a particular county under sub. (15), the department may permit the county to serve  
15 any individual who has severe disabilities and who has not attained 22 years of age if the  
16 individual's mental, physical, sensory, behavioral, emotional or developmental disabilities or  
17 whose combination of multiple disabilities meets the requirements specified in sub. (1) (c) 1.  
18 to 4.

19           **SECTION 44.** 46.56 (15) (a) and (b) (intro.) of the statutes are amended to read:

20           46.56 (15) (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (7) (co) and (cr), the department  
21 shall make available funds to implement ~~programs~~. ~~The funds may be used to pay for the~~  
22 ~~intake, assessment, case planning and service coordination provided under sub. (8) and for~~  
23 ~~expanding the capacity of the county to provide community-based care and treatment for~~  
24 ~~children with severe disabilities~~ initiatives as outlined in this section.

1 (b) (intro.) In order to apply for funds under this section the county board of supervisors  
2 or tribal governing body shall do all of the following:

3 **SECTION 45.** 46.56 (15) (b) 1r. of the statutes is created to read:

4 46.56 (15) (b) 1r. Demonstrate that the process is followed, and principles and core  
5 values, as outlined by the advisory committee established by the department, are adhered to.

6 **SECTION 46.** 46.56 (15) (b) 2. to 4. of the statutes are amended to read:

7 46.56 (15) (b) 2. Establish children with severe emotional disturbances to be the priority  
8 target group served by the ~~program~~ initiative.

**COMMENT:** Is this correct?

9 3. Submit a plan to the department for implementation of the ~~integrated service program~~  
10 coordinated services team initiative in accordance with the requirements of this section.

11 4. Submit a description of the existing services and supports in the county or tribe for  
12 children ~~with severe disabilities~~, an assessment of any gaps in services, and a plan for using  
13 the funds under this ~~program~~ initiative or from other funding sources to develop or expand ~~any~~  
14 ~~needed community-based services such as in-home treatment, treatment foster care, day~~  
15 ~~treatment, respite care or crisis services~~ the initiative.

16 **SECTION 47.** 46.56 (15) (b) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

17 46.56 (15) (b) 5. Comply with s. 46.56.

18 **SECTION 48.** 46.56 (15) (c) and (d) of the statutes are amended to read:

19 46.56 (15) (c) In order to obtain funds under this section, matching funds equal to 20%  
20 of the requested funding shall be provided by the participating ~~county departments and school~~  
21 ~~districts~~ agencies and organizations. All of the participating ~~county departments and school~~  
22 ~~districts~~ agencies and organizations shall participate in providing the match, which may be  
23 cash or in-kind. The department shall determine what may be used as in-kind match.

