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PART I

KEY PROVISIONS

OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Joint Legislative Council recommends the following for introduction in the 2007-08 Session of the Legislature.

2007 Assembly Bill 439, Relating to the Wisconsin Technical College System and Higher Education Financial Aid Eligibility and Requiring the Exercise of Rule-Making Authority

2007 Assembly Bill 439 makes certain changes related to financial aid and technical college enrollment in order to increase access to education for certain students. The bill also requires the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) board to include data related to adult basic education in the annual report the board submits to the Legislature and certain state agencies.

PART II

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Assignment

The Special Committee on Strengthening Wisconsin Families is a statutory committee created by 2005 Wisconsin Act 467. The committee will be in existence until its sunset date of December 31, 2010. During its existence, the committee is charged with studying the following:

- Ways to increase awareness of the importance of families in society and resolving social issues.
- The establishment of a state council to improve coordination among state agencies of programs that affect families; to set priorities for state agencies based on community and family needs; to consolidate funding for programs and services that affect families; and to encourage local communities to form local collaborative entities to coordinate, decrease duplication of, and streamline the delivery of services provided by public and private entities to families, children, and youth.
- Ways to target public moneys for family services and not individuals.
- Existing laws relating to strengthening families.
- Ways in which the results from the scientific study of attachment and brain development can be incorporated into public schools, day care centers, and homes.
- Child support and custody issues involving fathers, for the purpose of ensuring that fathers are appropriately engaged in the lives of their children.
- Changes to state agency rules, policies, guidelines, and procedures to strengthen families, reduce reliance on social service professionals for family support, and maximize community support for families.
- Identification of qualities held by successful Wisconsin families and recommendation of legislation to support those qualities.
- Changes to the state tax code to strengthen families and provide incentives to engage in family-supporting activities and services.
- The advantages and disadvantages of merging the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and the Department of Health and Family Services to create a new department of family supports to integrate family services currently administered by multiple departments.
- Proposed legislation to create a reconciliation council that would seek to bridge cultural and religious differences among different cultural and religious groups.
- Identification of support of private sector initiatives to strengthen families.
- Ways in which local government services can be performed by volunteer groups of individuals and ways in which saved moneys currently spent for these services by local governments can be allocated to the volunteer groups.
- Health care.

The Joint Legislative Council established the Special Committee on Strengthening Wisconsin Families for 2006-08 and appointed the chairperson by an June 9, 2006 mail ballot. For 2006-08, the committee was directed to study the Wisconsin Works (W-2) Program and the child welfare system to determine methods to improve collaboration between the two systems in order to support, strengthen, and, in some cases, reunify families. The committee is required to review recent legislative audits of both systems. The committee is required to determine how the W-2 Program may be more supportive

of the family unit. In addition, the committee must study how participation in the child welfare system affects the receipt of public benefits and how public benefits affect a parent's ability to meet conditions under a child welfare court order.

Membership of the 2006-08 Special Committee, appointed by an August 1, 2006 mail ballot, consisted of two Senators, three Representatives, and 11 public members. A list of committee members is included as *Appendix 3* to this report.

Summary of Meetings

As of the date of this report, the Special Committee has held eight meetings in Madison on the following dates:

August 29, 2006	January 9, 2007
September 26, 2006	February 7, 2007
October 24, 2006	March 19, 2007
November 21, 2006	April 30, 2007

At the August 29, 2006 meeting, the Special Committee heard testimony from Secretary Roberta Gassman of the Department of Workforce Development, on the W-2 program; from Secretary Helene Nelson, of the Department of Health and Family Services, on child welfare issues; from Jennifer Noyes and Tom Corbett, of the University of Wisconsin Institute for Research on Poverty, on system integration research; and jointly from Secretaries Gassman and Nelson, on the Families Forward – Wisconsin program.

At the September 26, 2006 meeting, State Auditor Janice Mueller provided information to the committee on Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) Report 05-6, *An Evaluation of the Wisconsin Works (W-2) Program* dated April 1, 2005. Paul Stuiber, LAB, presented a PowerPoint program on LAB reports 06-1 and 06-2, released in February 2006, evaluating the Milwaukee County Child Welfare System. The audits examined both program issues and finances and staffing. Dr. Mark Courtney, of The Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago, presented data from a long-term study he conducted which compares the W-2 and child welfare populations in Milwaukee. Dr. Courtney presented extensive data on characteristics of the W-2 and child welfare populations and noted that there is a significant overlap of factors that predict problems with finding employment with factors that predict a person's involvement with the child welfare system.

At the October 24, 2006 meeting, Legislative Council staff members Scott Grosz and Laura Rose presented memoranda that were prepared in response to committee members' requests. Chairperson Kestell facilitated a discussion on the committee's assignment.

At the November 21, 2006 meeting, Terence Ray and Curtis Marshall, Milwaukee, leaders in the Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative, provided a presentation to the committee on the initiative and on the Fatherhood Summit that was held in Milwaukee on October 13th and 14th, 2006. Tom Prete, CW Solutions, Inc., Cuba City, described the family systems theory approach his organization uses in working with families involved with the W-2 and Child Welfare Systems. Brenda Bell-White, Director, Milwaukee Family Services Integration Office, described the newly established Milwaukee Family Services Integration Office, whose goal is to integrate services for the Departments of Workforce Development, Corrections, and Health and Family Services in the Milwaukee area. Dan Naylor, White Pine Consulting Service, Inc., Waupaca, described his work with Coordinated Services Teams (CSTs). The committee also discussed its assignment, and committee members made several suggestions about actions the committee could take.

At the January 9, 2007 meeting, Chairperson Kestell led the committee in a discussion of Memo. No. 6, prepared by Legislative Council staff. Scott Grosz discussed background information related to systems integration efforts, the first option in Memo. No. 6. The committee suggested further development of legislation related to CSTs and systems integration. Mr. Grosz described the recent reinstatement of drivers' license eligibility due to changes in the definition of Habitual Traffic

Offenders. The committee also discussed options related to confidentiality of information across various information systems for programs serving children and families.

At the February 7, 2007 meeting, JoAnna Richard, Deputy Secretary, DWD, Dianne Jenkins, DHFS Liaison to the Special Committee, and Katie Plona, Legislative Liaison, DHFS, presented information on Governor Doyle's proposal to create a new Department of Children and Families. In addition, Ms. Jenkins outlined several program areas in DHFS in which there is an emphasis on engaging fathers in the lives of children. Mark Perlman, Center for Growth and Development, Sarasota, Florida, described the "Nurturing Fathers" program which he created. It was started in 1998 and is now present, in some form, in 46 states. Clifford Solomon, graduate of the Nurturing Fathers Program, described his experience in the Nurturing Fathers program which taught him the importance of the qualities of patience, open mindedness, and nurturing in being a good father. Glenn Olsen, High Risk Population Specialist, and Jane Penner-Hoppe, KidsFirst Policy Advisor, DWD described the incorporation of fatherhood initiatives into various DWD programs. Hughes George, Director of Parent and Student Services, Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), discussed truancy issues in MPS. Tony Streveler, Policy Initiatives Advisor, Department of Corrections, discussed risk factors for recidivism among released prisoners. He noted the importance of safe and secure housing; employment; availability of treatment; and having a positive family support network and other positive associations. Judge James Gramling, Jr., City of Milwaukee Municipal Court, discussed drivers' license issues with the committee, especially the impact of a lack of drivers' licenses on employment.

At the March 19, 2007 meeting, Chairperson Kestell began the meeting with a discussion of Governor Doyle's budget proposal to merge the child welfare division of the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), the W-2 division of the DWD, and other divisions from each department into a Department of Children and Families. The committee discussed the suggestions of Judge James A. Gramling, Jr., related to transportation issues. Next, the committee discussed confidentiality and information sharing between agencies, and directed the Legislative Council staff to identify the federal restrictions related to information sharing between agencies as well as to consult with state and county agency staff regarding information sharing. Adult basic education was the next topic discussed by the committee. The committee instructed the Legislative Council staff to prepare a bill draft for options related to adult basic education. The committee also reviewed the option to draft legislation that would require the preparation of family impact statements for future legislation.

Finally, the committee discussed WLC: 0075/1, a bill draft related to collaborative systems of care for families. The committee decided to create a subcommittee to consider other drafting options for collaborative systems of care for families.

At the April 30, 2007 meeting, the committee discussed the issue of equal placement of children in custody disputes. The committee voted to send a letter to the Joint Committee on Finance to support the proposal in the Governor's budget bill to consolidate certain functions on the Departments of Health and Family Services and Workforce Development into one agency, and endorsed naming the agency the Wisconsin Department of Family Resources. The committee also approved a bill draft relating to adult basic education.

PART III

RECOMMENDATION INTRODUCED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

This part of the report provides background information on, and a description of, the bill as recommended by the 2006-08 Special Committee on Strengthening Wisconsin Families. The committee will continue to meet and develop legislation relating to its charge for introduction in the 2007-08 Session of the Legislature.

Background

During the meetings of the committee, members discussed the importance of education to participants in the W-2 and child welfare systems. The committee reached consensus that access to education, including adult basic education (ABE) and vocational education, increases the likelihood of successful outcomes for participants in the W-2 and child welfare systems.

2007 Assembly Bill 439 makes certain changes related to financial aid and technical college enrollment in order to increase access to education for certain students. The bill also requires the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) board to include data related to ABE in the annual report the board submits to the Legislature and certain state agencies.

Description

Annual Report

Under current law, s. 38.04 (21), Stats., requires the WTCS board to submit an annual report to the Department of Administration, Department of Public Instruction, DWD, and to the Legislature.

This bill amends s. 38.04 (21), Stats., to include data related to ABE among the information the board is required to include in the annual report.

Plan to Increase Enrollment From ABE Programs

The bill also requires the board to develop a plan to increase the number of pupils who enroll in diploma or degree programs, who previously completed an ABE program at a technical college. The plan requires the board to set five-year goals with annual benchmarks for the number of students who transition from an ABE program to a technical college diploma or degree program.

Concurrent Admission with ABE Program

Under current law, a technical college may require the prerequisite of a high school diploma, general educational development credential (GED), or high school equivalency diploma (HSED) to enroll in technical college diploma and degree programs.

This bill creates s. 38.04 (32), Stats., relating to a concurrent enrollment admissions program. Under the bill, the board must allow pupils to concurrently enroll in a diploma or degree program and an ABE program. The bill allows the board to require a high school diploma, GED, or HSED for enrollment in certain diploma and degree programs.

Higher Education Grants

Under current law, s. 39.435 (1), Stats., relating to Wisconsin Higher Education Grants (WHEG) requires half-time enrollment in order for a pupil to be eligible for the higher education grant program.

This bill amends s. 39.435 (1), Stats., to remove the requirement of half-time enrollment for higher education grant eligibility under s. 39.435 (1), Stats., for students enrolled in the Wisconsin technical college system. The bill amends s. 39.435 (3), Stats., relating to the amount of grants under s. 39.435 (1), Stats., to reflect the modification of the half-time enrollment requirement under s. 39.435 (1), Stats.

The bill also amends s. 39.435 (3), Stats., to remove eligibility for grants under s. 39.435 (1), Stats., for students who have earned more than 135 credits.

Appendix 1

Committee and Joint Legislative Council Votes

WLC: 0103/3 was recommended by the Special Committee on Strengthening Wisconsin Families to the Joint Legislative Council for introduction in the 2007-08 Session of the Legislature.

Special Committee Vote

The Special Committee voted to recommend WLC: 0103/3 to the Joint Legislative Council for introduction in the 2007-08 Session of the Legislature. The vote on the draft was as follows:

- WLC: 0103/3, relating to the Wisconsin technical college system and higher education financial aid eligibility and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority: Ayes, 11 (Reps. Kestell and Pridemore; Sens. Schultz and Taylor; and Public Members Angeli, Burgess, Eleson, Minkus, J. Roberts, Westman, and Wright); Noes, 0; and Absent, 5 (Rep. Seidel; and Public Members Boyd-Gonzalez, Kelso, Munson, and P. Roberts).

Joint Legislative Council Vote

At its May 10, 2007 meeting, the Joint Legislative Council voted as follows on the recommendation of the Special Committee.

- Rep. Wieckert moved, seconded by Sen. Coggs, that WLC: 0103/3, relating to the Wisconsin technical college system and higher education financial aid eligibility and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, be introduced by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 21 (Sens. Risser, Breske, Carpenter, Coggs, Darling, Decker, Fitzgerald, Harsdorf, Miller, and Robson; and Reps. Wieckert, Ballweg, Berceau, Fitzgerald, Gottlieb, Huebsch, Kaufert, Kreuser, Pocan, Rhoades, and Schneider); Noes, 0; and Absent, 1 (Sen. Lasee).

The proposal was subsequently introduced as 2007 Assembly Bill 439.

Appendix 2

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STUDY ASSIGNMENT: The committee is directed to study the Wisconsin Works (W-2) Program and the child welfare system to determine methods to improve collaboration between the two systems in order to support, strengthen, and, in some cases, reunify families. The committee shall review recent legislative audits of both systems. The committee shall determine how the W-2 Program may be more supportive of the family unit. In addition, the committee shall study how participation in the child welfare system affects the receipt of public benefits and how public benefits affect a parent's ability to meet conditions under a child welfare court order.

16 MEMBERS: 2 Senators, 3 Representatives, and 11 Public Members.

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Appendix 4

Committee Materials List

(Copies of documents are available at www.legis.state.wi.us/lc)

June 18, 2007 Meeting	Notice	Agenda	Audio (1) Audio (2)	Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WLC: 0075/3, relating to collaborative systems of care for families with children who are involved in multiple systems of care 				
Recommendations to the Joint Legislative Council (May 10, 2007)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Report to the Joint Legislative Council 2007-13, <i>Special Committee on Strengthening Wisconsin Families</i> (May 2, 2007) • WLC: 0103/3, relating to the Wisconsin technical college system and higher education financial aid eligibility and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority 				
April 16, 2007 Meeting of the Collaborative Systems of Care Subcommittee				Notice
April 30, 2007 Meeting	Notice	Agenda	Audio	Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WLC: 0103/2, relating to the Wisconsin technical college system and higher education financial aid eligibility. • Handout, <i>Legislative Action to Reform Adult Basic Education and Increase Access to Financial Aid for Working Adults</i>, distributed at the request of Charity Eleson. • Handout, <i>Reform Adult Basic Education to Improve Completion and Transition Rates</i>, distributed at the request of Charity Eleson. • Handout, <i>Already Enrolled: How Expanding Access to Wisconsin Higher Education Grants to Students Attending Less-Than-Half-Time Would Help More Adults Complete Postsecondary Programs</i> • Memo, <i>Equal Placement of Children in Custody Disputes</i>, submitted by Representative Don Pridemore. 				
April 16, 2007 Meeting of the Collaborative Systems of Care Subcommittee				Notice
March 19, 2007 Meeting	Notice	Agenda	Audio	Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handout, distributed by Public Member Jon Angeli • Registration Form, <i>The 4th Biennial Wisconsin Fatherhood Conference</i>, distributed by Public Member Jodi Roberts • Handout, State of the State 2007, Policy Brief: Department of Children and Family Services • Memo No. 6, <i>Options for Legislation on Strengthening Wisconsin Families</i> (January 3, 2007 (Revised March 12, 2007)): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enclosure 1, Report from Agency, Clearinghouse Rule 06-141 ○ Enclosure 2, Memorandum, <i>Workforce Recommendations</i>, from Charity Eleson, Executive Director, Wisconsin Council on Children and Families ○ Enclosure 3, Ch. DWD 17, Wis. Adm. Code ○ Enclosure 4, <i>Strengthening Families Through Early Care & Education</i> • Proposal, by Wisconsin Cares, Inc., distributed by Public Member Dr. Jack Westman • Handout, <i>Expanding the Coordinated Services Team (CST) Initiative Statewide</i>, distributed by Dan Naylor, MPA, White Pine Consulting Service, Inc. 				
February 7, 2007 Meeting	Notice	Agenda	Audio	Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memo No. 7, <i>School District Funding Responsibilities</i> (January 31, 2007) • WLC: 0075/1, relating to collaborative systems of care for families with children who are involved in multiple systems of care. • Handout, distributed at the request of Public Member Dr. Jack Westman • Memorandum and Attachments from Dianne Jenkins, DHFS Liaison to the Special Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Final Cover letter (February 1, 2007) 				

- [Final Report](#) to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, Evaluation of Milwaukee County Child Welfare (Reports 06-01 and 06-2)
- [Memorandum](#), from Dianne Jenkins, DHFS Liaison to the Special Committee (February 6, 2007)
- [Report](#), *A Progress Report and Management Assessment of the Wisconsin Systems Integration Initiative, Families Forward- Wisconsin* (January 2007)
- [Handout](#), *Driver's License Law*, distributed by Honorable James A. Gramling, Jr.
- [Handout](#), *Driving is ex-inmates' key to jobs*, distributed by Honorable James A. Gramling, Jr.
- [Materials](#), distributed by Mark Perlman, Center for Growth and Development, Sarasota, Florida

January 9, 2007 Meeting	Notice	Agenda	Audio	Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Memo No. 6, <i>Options for Legislation on Strengthening Wisconsin Families</i> (January 3, 2007): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enclosure 1, Report from Agency, Clearinghouse Rule 06-141 ○ Enclosure 2, Memorandum, <i>Workforce Recommendations</i>, from Charity Eleson, Executive Director, Wisconsin Council on Children and Families ○ Enclosure 3, Ch. DWD 17, Wis. Adm. Code ○ Enclosure 4, <i>Strengthening Families Through Early Care & Education</i> 				
November 21, 2006 Meeting	Notice	Agenda	Audio	Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Memo No. 3, <i>Wisconsin Workforce Development Programs</i> (November 14, 2006) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enclosure, <i>Inventory of Wisconsin's Workforce Education and Training Programs</i> ● Memo No. 4, <i>Home Visitation Programs Information</i> (November 14, 2006) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enclosure, <i>Wisconsin Home Visitation Programs</i> ● Memo No. 5, <i>Characteristics of Healthy Families</i> (November 14, 2006) ● Handouts presented by Speaker Dan Naylor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coordinated Services Team (CST) Initiative ○ 2005 Annual Report, on Integrated Services Projects and Coordinated Services Teams ○ Coordinated Services Team Initiative, Team Process Overview ○ Community-Based Care Helps Children ○ Children Come First Advisory Committee, 2005 Annual Report on Integrated Services Projects and Coordinated Services Teams ○ Department of Health and Family Services Coordinated Services Team Initiative ● Memorandum, to Representative Steve Kestell and Laura Rose, from Ann Kirchner, Wisconsin Family Based Service Association Board ● Handouts presented by Speakers Terence Ray and Curtis Marshall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Milwaukee Fatherhood Summit, <i>Strengthening Fathers and Families</i> ○ Article, <i>Course helps young men develop parenting skills</i> ● Handout, <i>Family Systems Overview</i>, presented by Speaker Tom Prete ● Handout, <i>The Public Costs of Struggling Families</i>, by Public Member Dr. Jack Westman ● Article, <i>How a U.S. Official Promotes Marriage to Help Poor Kids</i>, Wisconsin Journal Sentinel 				
October 24, 2006 Meeting	Notice	Agenda	Audio	Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Memo No. 1, <i>Distribution of Materials Requested at the September 26, 2006 Meeting</i> (October 17, 2006) ● Memo No. 2, <i>Home Visitation Program Evaluations</i> (October 17, 2006) ● Handout, <i>Wisconsin Supporting Families</i>, Grant County DSS, distributed by Public Member Jon Angeli ● Letter, from Helene Nelson, Secretary, Department of Health and Family Services and a report, <i>Interim Report to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, Evaluation of Milwaukee County Child Welfare (Reports 06-1 and 06-2)</i> (October 2, 2006) ● Handouts, distributed by Public Member Jack Westman ● Handouts, distributed by Public Member Jon Angeli ● Publication, <i>Wisconsin's State Plan to Prevent Child Maltreatment</i> (2006) 				
September 26, 2006 Meeting	Notice	Agenda	Audio	Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Act Memo 467, Joint Legislative Council Committee on Strengthening Wisconsin's Families (6-02-06) 				

- [Handouts](#), distributed by Public Member Jon Angeli
- [Presentation](#), *Comparing Welfare and Child Welfare Populations in Milwaukee*, by Dr. Mark Courtney, The Chapin Hall Center for Children, University of Chicago
- [Issue Brief # 107](#), *Those Left Behind: Enduring Challenges Facing Welfare Applicants*, Dr. Mark Courtney, The Chapin Hall Center for Children, University of Chicago
- Presentations by Janice Mueller, Legislative Audit Bureau:
 - [PowerPoint](#), *Wisconsin Works (W-2) Program*
 - [PowerPoint](#), *Milwaukee County Child Welfare*
 - [Report 05-6](#), *An Evaluation, Wisconsin Works (W-2) Program*, Department of Workforce Development (April 2005)
 - [Report 06-1](#), *An Evaluation Milwaukee County Child Welfare: Program Issues*, Department of Health and Family Services (February 2006)
 - [Report 06-2](#), *An Evaluation Milwaukee County Child Welfare: Finances and Staffing*, Department of Health and Family Services (February 2006)
- [Memorandum](#), *Progress in Response to Legislative Audit of Milwaukee Child Welfare*, from Helene Nelson, Department of Health and Family Services (September 25, 2006)
- [Article](#), *Who Returns to Welfare?*, The Urban Institute
- [Issue Brief](#), *Improving Access to Benefits for Low-Income Families*, NGA Center for Best Practices

August 29, 2006 Meeting	Notice	Agenda	Audio	Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Brief 06-01, <i>Overview of the Wisconsin Works Program and the Child Welfare System</i> (8-22-06) • Letter, from Senator Dale Schultz (8-25-06) • Handout, <i>Building Brighter Futures</i>, submitted by Public Member Jack Westman • Presentation, <i>Making Wisconsin Works Work</i>, by Secretary Roberta Gassman, Department of Workforce Development • Report, <i>Wisconsin Program Enhancement Plan Progress Report for Quarter 6</i>, Department of Health and Family Services • Handout, <i>BMCW Semi-Annual Report January 1, 2006 - June 30, 2006</i>, submitted by the Department of Health and Family Services • Presentation and Packet of Materials submitted by the Institute for Research on Poverty: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation, <i>Systems Integration: A Means of Improving Outcomes for Children and Families</i> ○ Handout, <i>Moving Toward a Comprehensive Definition of Human Services Integration</i> (7-23-06) ○ Handout, <i>Integrated Human Service Models: Assessing Implementation Fidelity Through the "Line of Sight" Perspective</i> (7-23-06) ○ Handout, <i>Systems Integration" Related Publications and Works in Progress</i> (July 2006) ○ Handout, <i>The service integration agenda: Political, conceptual, and methodological challenges</i>, Thomas Corbett and Jennifer L. Noyes (FOCUS, Vol. 22.3, Summer 2003) ○ Handout, <i>The Challenge of Institutional 'Milieu' to Cross Systems Integration</i>, Thomas Corbett, James Dimas, James Fong, and Jennifer L. Noyes (FOCUS, Vol. 24.1, Fall 2005) ○ Handout, <i>Cross-Systems Innovation: The Line-of-Sight Exercise, or Getting From Where You Are to Where You Want to Be</i>, Thomas Corbett and Jennifer L. Noyes (FOCUS, Vol. 24.1, Fall 2005) ○ Handout, <i>Supporting Cross-Program Integration: Some Recommendations for Federal Policy and Practice</i>, Mark Greenberg and Jennifer L. Noyes (CLASP Publication No. 05-15, 3/16/2005) 				