

Comparisons between the Family Policy Board and the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board

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Introduction

Wisconsin Cares and the Right from the Start Coalition propose creating a Family Policy Board in the August 1, 2008 document titled “Building Brighter Futures Through a Plan to Strengthen Wisconsin Families.” The proposal includes expanding the existing Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board into a board that focuses on “strengthen childrearing families.”

The table below highlights the comparisons between the proposed Family Policy Board and the current Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board for purposes of determining whether the proposal to transform the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board into a Family Policy Board strategically aligns with the goals of CANPB.

	The Family Policy Board¹	Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board
Vision	The Family Policy Board strengthens families through family resource networks. Wisconsin needs a system that strengthens families rather than waits until families are in trouble.	Wisconsin children will grow up free of physical, sexual and emotional abuse and all forms of neglect. To advocate, support and sustain a statewide culture that encourages family and community life in which children will develop and flourish in a safe environment free from all forms of abuse and neglect.
Goals/Purpose	Bring together state departments, state coalitions and organizations, citizens and elected officials in state family policymaking.	Brings together state agencies and other community leaders with a focus on advising the Governor and state legislature on policies for preventing child maltreatment.
	Encourage state agencies to pool the flow of resources to communities.	Develops economic and human resources that create and support statewide

¹ Items for this document were taken directly from the August 1, 2008 document titled “Building Brighter Futures Through a Plan to Strengthen Wisconsin Families.”

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		<p>programs and sustain community capacity to prevent child abuse and neglect.</p>
	<p>Streamline programs and services across agencies and jurisdictions to achieve jointly agreed upon performance goals with an emphasis on minimizing duplicative reporting requirements and on removing barriers to collaboration.</p>	<p>Promotes comprehensive state and local efforts that use research and best practices to support universally accessible, culturally competent programs and services.</p> <p>Serves as a statewide leader for current strategies, methods, and outcome measures on primary prevention. Advocate for comprehensive intervention strategies.</p>
	<p>Programs and services should recognize children, not as independent units, but as members of intergenerational families.</p>	<p>The core values that direct the Children’s Trust Fund’s work includes the following: every child shall have a family structure that serves as the foundation for healthy development; every child and his or her family are supported by universally accessible, comprehensive, and coordinated services; every child shall benefit from creative and empowering approaches that incorporate partnerships between families, public and private agencies and resources.</p> <p>In addition, the Children’s Trust Fund has been the lead agency for the past 5 years on the national Strengthening Families</p>

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		Initiative. Strengthening Families believes the early care and education system plays a unique role in the prevention of child maltreatment. The Initiative's aim is to build the protective factors among families who attend child care centers across the state and to enhance the relationships between child welfare and early care and education.
Strategies	Create public/private family resource networks that provide programs and services needed by families to enable "front line" workers to better serve families through coordinated services and wraparound disciplinary teams.	Funds 20 Family Resource Centers statewide to provide universally accessible services to children and families that meet their basic needs and strengthen their capacity for success. In State Fiscal Year 09, the Children's Trust Fund required Family Resource Centers to direct 50% of their grant award to strategies aimed at families with multiple challenges, including mental health, substance abuse, child sexual abuse, and domestic violence.
	Use of the Wraparound approach shifting the focus from individuals to families.	Funds state and local agencies on specific strategies identified in the State Plan to Prevent Child Maltreatment, including the family teaming model, respite, and infant mental health.
	Create a "family collaborative" appointed by an Executive Committee composed of public and	Provides statewide leadership in creating public policy and legislative direction that is aimed at the

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	<p>private executives and elected officials. The CANPB would become the Family Policy Board and serve as the umbrella body to the local family collaboratives to facilitate collaboration and integration between state agencies; evaluate the impact of legislation on families; and recommend legislative initiatives. The local and state family entities would be in direct communication in order to bring local concerns to the attention of state officials whose ability to meet the needs of families would be enhanced.</p>	<p>prevention of child abuse and neglect.</p> <p>The CANPB legislative committee analyzes the impact of legislation on children and families; meets with legislators to discuss impact; and testifies as appropriate on specific legislative proposals. In addition, the legislative committee proposes legislation that removes barriers and improves outcomes for children and families.</p> <p>The Children’s Trust Fund supports the Supporting Families Together Association that serves as an umbrella agency to the statewide Family Resource Centers and the Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. The Association serves as a communication mechanism for local issues and ideas.</p> <p>In addition, the Children’s Trust Fund provides technical assistance and professional development opportunities to over 80 Family Resource Centers across the state.</p>
	<p>Recommend interdepartmental agreements for waiving state rules and regulations that impede coordinated service delivery and for</p>	<p>In 2009, the new cross-systems committee of the CANPB will identify issues that cut across multiple state agencies and promote solutions for addressing</p>

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	linking funding within and between state agency budgets.	those issues. In addition, the committee will advise the Governor, legislature, and state agencies on ways of enhancing collaboration between multiple state agencies and recommend flexible and compatible policies and procedures.
	Heighten public awareness of family, children and youth issues.	Increases statewide awareness and understanding of the developmental needs of children, the problem of child abuse and neglect, and the need for effective primary prevention programs. Implements public education that links statewide strategies to community prevention models and methods.
Membership	Family Policy Board would consist of the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Attorney General, legislators, state department heads, state organizations, citizens, and local officials.	The current Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board consists of representatives from the Governor's Office, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General, Department of Children and Families, Department of Workforce Development, Department of Corrections, Department of Health Services, majority and minority legislative representatives, and 10 community representatives appointed for their leadership on children's issues.

Related organizational pieces:

The recently formed state Department of Children and Families brings together many of the programs and services that the Family Policy Board is proposing. The goal of the Department is to promote the economic and social well being of Wisconsin's children and families. One of the main objectives of the new Department is to streamline state government services for children and families and improve collaboration in multiple program areas that impact families.

In addition, Governor Jim Doyle has recently created the Governor's Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care. Although, its purpose is specifically to "identify opportunities for, and barriers to, collaboration and coordination among federally-funded and state-funded child development, child care and early childhood education programs and services," the Governor also has the authority to charge the Council to look at any other issues pertaining to early care and education. In addition, many of the individuals/positions appointed by the Governor for the Early Childhood Advisory Council are similar to those identified for a Family Policy Board.

It should also be noted that in many local communities and at the regional level there are collaborative bodies that already exist with the same purpose as those identified by the "family collaboratives" in the Wisconsin Cares proposal. For example, the Departments of Health Services and Children and Families support county agencies in their development and maintenance of Coordinated Service Teams; La Crosse County has a thriving and successful Family Policy Board; and many Family Resource Centers have local Advisory Committees.