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## 2025 SENATE BILL 232

April 29, 2025 - Introduced by Senators JAMES and HABUSH SINYKIN, cosponsored by Representatives SNYDER, NOVAK, ARMSTRONG, BRILL, DITTRICH, FRANKLIN, GUNDRUM, MAXEY, MELOTIK, MURSAU, PIWOWARCZYK, RIVERA-WAGNER, SPIROS, STEFFEN and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families.

**AN ACT** *to amend* 165.96 (intro.), (2), (4), (5), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12) and (13); *to create* 165.96 (16) and (17) of the statutes; **relating to:** grants to child advocacy centers.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the Department of Justice must provide \$17,000 in each fiscal year to specified child advocacy centers for education, training, medical advice, and quality assurance activities. This bill instead provides that DOJ must award grants in each fiscal year to specified child advocacy centers to enhance the multidisciplinary response to suspected child maltreatment. The bill adds two centers as recipients, the Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center in Sheboygan County and Child Advocacy Centers of Wisconsin, and updates the names of the centers that are designated recipients under current law.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SENATE BILL 232****SECTION 1**

**SECTION 1.** 165.96 (intro.), (2), (4), (5), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12) and (13) of the statutes are amended to read:

**165.96 Child advocacy grants.** (intro.) ~~Beginning in fiscal year 2011-2012, from~~ From the appropriation under s. 20.455 (5) (ke), the department of justice shall in each fiscal year ~~provide \$17,000 to~~ award grants to each of the following child advocacy centers ~~for education, training, medical advice, and quality assurance activities to enhance the multidisciplinary response to suspected child maltreatment:~~

(2) ~~Child Protection~~ Milwaukee Child Advocacy Center in Milwaukee County.

(4) Kenosha County Child Advocacy Center in Kenosha County.

(5) Fox Valley Child Advocacy Center in ~~Winnebago~~ Outagamie County.

(8) Child Advocacy Center of ~~Northeastern~~ North Central Wisconsin in Marathon County.

(9) Chippewa ~~County~~ Valley Child Advocacy Center in ~~Chippewa~~ Eau Claire County.

(10) ~~A child advocacy center~~ Willow Tree Cornerstone Child Advocacy Center in Brown County.

(11) ~~A child advocacy center~~ Racine County Child Advocacy Center in Racine County.

(12) ~~A child advocacy center~~ Walworth County Child Advocacy Center in Walworth County.

(13) ~~CHAT Room~~ Green County Child Advocacy Center in Green County.

**SECTION 2.** 165.96 (16) and (17) of the statutes are created to read:

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**SECTION 2**

165.96 **(16)** Lakeshore Regional Child Advocacy Center in Sheboygan County.

**(17)** Child Advocacy Centers of Wisconsin.

**(END)**