

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Budget Summary							
Fund	2022-23 Base Year Doubled	2023-25 Governor	2023-25 Jt. Finance	Joint Finance Change to:			
				Governor		Base	
				Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
GPR	\$1,009,655,600	\$1,521,330,700	\$976,653,300	- \$544,677,400	- 35.8%	- \$33,002,300	- 3.3%
FED	1,644,560,800	1,890,544,300	1,748,633,900	- 141,910,400	- 7.5	104,073,100	6.3
PR	241,838,200	247,560,100	250,773,600	3,213,500	1.3	8,935,400	3.7
SEG	<u>18,549,400</u>	<u>18,549,400</u>	<u>65,202,300</u>	<u>46,652,900</u>	251.5	<u>46,652,900</u>	251.5
TOTAL	\$2,914,604,000	\$3,677,984,500	\$3,041,263,100	- \$636,721,400	- 17.3%	\$126,659,100	4.3%

FTE Position Summary					
Fund	2022-23 Base	2024-25 Governor	2024-25 Jt. Finance	Joint Finance Change to:	
				Governor	2022-23 Base
GPR	232.92	244.44	232.91	- 11.53	- 0.01
FED	409.24	382.72	379.98	- 2.74	- 29.26
PR	<u>179.51</u>	<u>181.51</u>	<u>179.51</u>	<u>- 2.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	821.67	808.67	792.40	- 16.27	- 29.27

Budget Change Items

TANF and Economic Support

1. TANF AND CCDF-RELATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

This item presents an overview of the Administration's estimates of revenue available to fund economic support and TANF-funded programs in the 2023-25 biennium, and how funding for these programs would be budgeted under the bill. "TANF" refers to the federal temporary assistance for needy families program. "CCDF" refers to the Child Care Development Fund, which is comprised of funding the state receives under the federal Social Security Act and the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG).

Governor: Revenues. The Administration estimates total revenues for TANF-related programs at \$659.0 million in 2023-24 and \$662.6 million in 2024-25. State funding includes

\$174.7 million annually consisting of: (a) \$160.4 million GPR (the state's TANF maintenance of effort amount) and a transfer of \$0.7 million GPR for state child care administration; (b) \$4.5 million PR; and (c) \$9.1 million SEG) annually. The program revenue includes the state's share of overpayment recoveries, child support collections that are assigned to the state by public assistance recipients, and child care licensing fees. The segregated revenue is from the utility public benefits fund. Ongoing federal funding is estimated at \$484.2 million in 2023-24 and \$487.9 million in 2024-25. Federal funds include monies from the TANF block grant, the child care development block grant, and recoveries of overpayments to Wisconsin Works (W-2) recipients. The carryover from the 2022-23 ending TANF balance is estimated at \$460.6 million.

Expenditures. Under the bill, the total amount that would be budgeted for TANF-related programs would be \$804.7 million in 2023-24 and \$847.7 million in 2024-25. These amounts include all funds, and represent an increase from the base budget of \$77.1 million in 2023-24 and an increase of \$120.1 million in 2024-25. Federal law allows the state to carry forward unexpended TANF funding without fiscal year limitation. The projected TANF-related balance at the end of the 2023-25 biennium would be \$129.7 million, which could be carried over into the 2025-27 biennium. Although not funded under the bill, the date by which DCF must submit its evaluation of the offender re-entry program would be extended from June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2024. Finally, the bill retitles TANF allocations for child welfare prevention services.

Summary of TANF/CCDF Budget Governor

	2021-22	2022-23	Governor's Budget Total		Change to Base		Item
	Actual	Adjusted Base	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	
Opening Balance (Carryover)	\$360,174,400		\$460,565,500	\$314,802,300			
Revenue							
GPR Appropriations Base Funding	\$160,848,400	\$160,381,400	\$161,070,100	\$161,070,100	\$688,700	\$688,700	12
FED -- TANF Block Grant	312,846,000	311,009,600	307,336,800	311,009,600	-3,672,800	0	
FED -- CCDF	158,281,000	163,919,100	172,614,100	172,614,100	8,695,000	8,695,000	
FED -- CCDF & TANF Recoveries	2,240,500	4,287,600	4,287,600	4,287,600	0	0	
PR -- Child Support Collections	2,070,100	2,749,000	2,749,000	2,749,000	0	0	
PR -- Child Care Fees	1,661,300	1,530,800	1,500,000	1,500,000	-30,800	-30,800	28
PR -- Social Services Block Grant	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	0	
PR -- Public Assistance Recoveries	38,800	160,600	160,600	160,600	0	0	
SEG -- Public Benefits Fund (SEG)	9,139,700	9,139,700	9,139,700	9,139,700	0	0	
Total Revenues	\$647,225,800	\$653,277,800	\$658,957,900	\$662,630,700	\$5,680,100	\$9,352,900	
Expenditures							
<i>Child Care</i>							
Direct Child Care Services	\$281,913,200	\$383,900,400	\$385,628,800	\$403,573,700	\$1,728,400	\$19,673,300	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Quality Care for Quality Kids	16,032,600	16,683,700	42,850,900	42,647,700	26,167,200	25,964,000	8, 9, 10, 11
State Administration and Licensing	36,802,200	42,877,700	45,957,600	46,043,900	3,079,900	3,166,200	12
<i>Employment Programs</i>							
W-2 Benefits	27,034,100	34,000,000	30,717,200	32,913,100	-3,282,800	-1,086,900	13
W-2 Worker Supplement	437,500	2,700,000	2,700,000	2,700,000	0	0	
W-2 Service Contracts	44,983,800	57,071,200	52,580,300	59,854,900	-4,490,900	2,783,700	14
Transitional/Transform Milwaukee Jobs	5,987,200	9,500,000	11,200,000	11,200,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	15
Children First	425,300	1,140,000	1,140,000	1,140,000	0	0	

	2021-22	2022-23	Governor's Budget Total		Change to Base		Item
	Actual	Adjusted Base	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25	
<i>Child Welfare Programs</i>							
Kinship Care Benefits & Assessments	\$24,656,900	\$31,441,800	\$43,574,100	\$53,719,500	\$12,132,300	\$22,277,700	16
Child Welfare Safety Services	8,819,200	10,314,300	6,282,400	6,282,400	-4,031,900	-4,031,900	17
Child Welfare Prevention Services	6,789,600	6,789,600	6,789,600	6,789,600	0	0	
Child Abuse Prevention Grant	469,500	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	0	
Substance Abuse Prevention Grant	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	0	
<i>Housing Programs</i>							
Emergency Assistance	1,694,100	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	0	
Homeless Grants	0	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	18
Case Mgt. Services for Homeless --	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	0	
<i>Grant Programs</i>							
Boys & Girls Clubs of America	2,713,800	2,807,000	3,307,000	3,307,000	500,000	500,000	19
GED Test Assistance	229,300	241,300	241,300	241,300	0	0	
Adult Literacy	118,100	118,100	118,100	118,100	0	0	
Legal Services	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	20
Families and Schools Together	199,500	250,000	500,000	500,000	250,000	250,000	21
Jobs for America's Graduates	378,300	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	22
Wisconsin Community Services	371,200	400,000	400,000	400,000	0	0	
Fostering Futures	437,500	560,300	560,300	560,300	0	0	
Offender Reentry	229,200	0	0	0	0	0	
Child Support Debt Reduction	0	0	3,472,000	6,944,000	3,472,000	6,944,000	23
<i>Administrative Support</i>							
Public Assistance and TANF Admin.	15,272,900	17,820,700	19,160,100	19,569,100	1,339,400	1,748,400	24
Local Fraud Prevention	430,600	605,500	605,500	605,500	0	0	
<i>Funding Transfers to Other Agencies</i>							
DHS -- SSI Caretaker Supplement	18,564,700	18,145,000	12,762,400	12,188,900	-5,382,600	-5,956,100	25
DHS -- Social Services Block Grant	14,653,500	14,653,500	14,653,500	14,653,500	0	0	
DOR -- Earned Income Tax Credit	<u>53,850,000</u>	<u>66,600,000</u>	<u>109,020,000</u>	<u>111,260,000</u>	<u>42,420,000</u>	<u>44,660,000</u>	26
Total Expenditures	\$564,493,800	\$727,620,100	\$804,721,100	\$847,712,500	\$77,101,000	\$120,092,400	
Year-End Closing Balance	\$442,906,400		\$314,802,300	\$129,720,500			

Joint Finance: Table 2 summarizes the economic support and TANF-related revenue estimates and expenditures under Joint Finance.

As shown in Table 2, the opening balance and total revenues of all funds for TANF-related programs are estimated to be \$1,175.5 million in 2023-24 and \$1,122.6 million in 2024-25. Compared to the Governor's recommendations, this is \$55.9 million in 2023-24 and \$171.2 million in 2024-25 more than previously estimated. The opening balance reflects \$11.0 million of unspent supplements CCDF provided to support the rate increase in 2021-22 that could not be expended due to a decrease in child care subsidy expenditures.

Under Joint Finance, overall expenditures would be \$715.5 million in 2023-24 and \$797.6 million in 2024-25. These amounts include all funds, and represent a decrease from the base budget of \$12.2 million in 2023-24 and an increase of \$70.0 million in 2024-25 (and a decrease of \$89.3 million in 2023-24 and \$50.1 million in 2024-25 relative to the Governor's proposal). The changes in funding represent reestimates, and changes in the amounts that would be budgeted for some current programs and increased funding for other programs.

TABLE 2

**W-2 and TANF Related Revenue and Expenditures
Comparison of Governor and Joint Finance**

	<u>Governor</u>		<u>Joint Finance</u>		<u>Joint Finance Change to Governor</u>		<u>Item</u>
	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	
Opening Balance (Carryover)	\$460,565,492	\$314,802,300	\$516,500,000	\$459,998,200	\$55,934,508	\$171,178,700	
Revenue							
GPR Appropriations Base Funding	\$161,070,100	\$161,070,100	\$161,070,100	\$161,070,100	\$0	\$0	
FED -- TANF Block Grant	307,336,800	311,009,600	307,336,800	311,009,600	0	0	
FED -- CCDF	172,614,100	172,614,100	172,614,100	172,614,100	0	0	
FED -- CCDF & TANF Recoveries	4,287,600	4,287,600	4,287,600	4,287,600	0	0	
PR -- Child Support Collections	2,749,000	2,749,000	2,749,000	2,749,000	0	0	
PR -- Child Care Fees	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	0	
PR -- Social Services Block Grant	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	0	
PR -- Public Assistance Recoveries	160,600	160,600	160,600	160,600	0	0	
SEG -- Public Benefits Fund (SEG)	<u>9,139,700</u>	<u>9,139,700</u>	<u>9,139,700</u>	<u>9,139,700</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Total Revenues	\$658,957,900	\$662,630,700	\$658,957,900	\$662,630,700	0	0	
Expenditures							
<i>Child Care</i>							
Direct Child Care Services	\$385,628,800	\$403,573,700	\$368,834,800	\$428,779,700	-\$16,794,000	\$25,206,000	2-6, 30, 31
Quality Care for Quality Kids	42,850,900	42,647,700	28,518,700	46,018,700	-14,332,200	3,371,000	8-11, 32-35
Child Care Admin. and Licensing	45,957,600	46,043,900	45,796,000	45,570,300	-161,600	-473,600	12
<i>Employment Programs</i>							
W-2 Benefits	\$30,717,200	\$32,913,100	\$28,000,000	\$29,000,000	-\$2,717,200	-\$3,913,100	13
W-2 Worker Supplement	2,700,000	2,700,000	2,700,000	2,700,000	0	0	
W-2 Service Contracts	52,580,300	59,854,900	57,071,200	57,071,200	4,490,900	-2,783,700	14
Transitional/Transform Milwaukee Jobs	11,200,000	11,200,000	9,500,000	9,500,000	-1,700,000	-1,700,000	15
Children First	1,140,000	1,140,000	1,140,000	1,140,000	0	0	
<i>Child Welfare Programs</i>							
Kinship Care Benefits & Assessments	\$43,574,100	\$53,719,500	\$31,719,200	\$35,661,000	-\$11,854,900	-\$18,058,500	16
Child Welfare Safety Services	6,282,400	6,282,400	10,314,300	10,314,300	4,031,900	4,031,900	17
Child Welfare Prevention Services	6,789,600	6,789,600	6,789,600	6,789,600	0	0	
Child Abuse Prevention Grant	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	0	
Substance Abuse Prevention Grant	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	0	
<i>Housing Programs</i>							
Emergency Assistance	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$0	\$0	
Homeless Grants	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	-500,000	-500,000	18
Case Mgt. Services for Homeless Families	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	0	
<i>Grant Programs</i>							
Boys & Girls Clubs of America	\$3,307,000	\$3,307,000	\$7,807,000	\$2,807,000	\$4,500,000	-\$500,000	19
GED Test Assistance	241,300	241,300	241,300	241,300	0	0	
Adult Literacy	118,100	118,100	118,100	118,100	0	0	
Legal Services	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	-500,000	-500,000	20
Families and Schools Together	500,000	500,000	250,000	250,000	-250,000	-250,000	21
Jobs for America's Graduates	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	22
Wisconsin Community Services	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	0	0	
Fostering Futures	560,300	560,300	560,300	560,300	0	0	
Child Support Debt Reduction	3,472,000	6,944,000	0	0	-3,472,000	-6,944,000	25
Skills Enhancement Grants	0	0	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	27

	<u>Governor</u>		<u>Joint Finance</u>		<u>Joint Finance Change to Governor</u>		<u>Item</u>
	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	
<i>Administrative Support</i>							
Public Assistance & TANF Admin.	\$19,160,100	\$19,569,100	\$19,015,300	\$19,424,300	-\$144,800	-\$144,800	24
Local Fraud Prevention	605,500	605,500	605,500	605,500	0	0	
<i>Funding Transfers to Other Agencies</i>							
DHS -- SSI Caretaker Supplement	\$12,762,400	\$12,188,900	\$9,699,900	\$10,990,400	-\$3,062,500	-\$1,198,500	25
DHS -- Social Services Block Grant	14,653,500	14,653,500	14,653,500	14,653,500	0	0	
DOR -- Earned Income Tax Credit	<u>109,020,000</u>	<u>111,260,000</u>	<u>61,725,000</u>	<u>65,002,000</u>	<u>-47,295,000</u>	<u>-46,258,000</u>	26, 37
Total Expenditures	\$804,721,100	\$847,712,500	\$715,459,700	\$797,597,200	-\$89,261,400	-\$50,115,300	
Year-End Closing Balance	\$314,802,300	\$129,720,500	\$459,998,200	\$325,031,700	\$145,195,900	\$195,311,200	

2. DIRECT CHILD CARE SERVICES -- OVERVIEW

The following table summarizes the Governor's recommended funding that would be allocated, by statute, for direct child care services. The table includes the next four items: (a) the reestimated cost-to-continue base subsidies for the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program; (b) changing Wisconsin Shares authorizations based on full- and part-time authorizations, rather than on an hourly basis; (c) providing an exemption to the Wisconsin Shares income eligibility requirements for direct care workers; and (d) increased funding for tribal child care contracts.

<u>Budget Items</u>	<u>Base Funding</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>Change to Base</u>	
				<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
Wisconsin Shares Reestimate	\$369,045,400	\$316,339,000	\$316,339,000	-\$52,706,400	-\$52,706,400
Part/Full-Time Authorization	0	53,459,800	71,279,700	53,459,800	71,279,700
Direct Care Income Disregard	0	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
County Contracts	14,855,000	14,855,000	14,855,000	0	0
Tribal Contracts	<u>0</u>	<u>375,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>375,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Total	\$383,900,400	\$385,628,000	\$403,573,700	\$1,728,400	\$19,673,300

Joint Finance: The following table summarizes the funding recommended by Joint Finance that would be allocated, by statute, for direct child care services. The table includes the five items described below: (a) the estimated cost-to-continue base subsidies for the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program; (b) changing Wisconsin Shares authorizations based on full- and part-time authorizations, rather than on an hourly basis; (c) setting a single initial eligibility and phase-out threshold for Wisconsin Shares subsidies at 200% FPL, beginning in 2024-25; (d) changing the copayment phase-out to \$1 for every \$5 increase in a participating household's income, rather than \$1 for every \$3 increase in a participating household's income, as under current law, beginning in 2024-25; and (e) increased funding for tribal child care contracts.

Budget Items	Base Funding	2023-24	2024-25	Change to Base	
				2023-24	2024-25
Wisconsin Shares Reestimate	\$369,045,400	\$300,145,400	\$315,145,000	-\$68,900,000	-\$53,900,400
Part/Full-Time Authorization	0	53,459,800	71,279,700	53,459,800	71,279,700
County Contracts	14,855,000	14,855,000	14,855,000	0	0
Tribal Contracts	0	375,000	500,000	375,000	500,000
Initial Eligibility Expansion	0	0	5,000,000	0	5,000,000
Subsidy Phase-out	0	0	22,000,000	0	22,000,000
Total	\$383,900,400	\$368,835,200	\$428,779,700	-\$15,065,200	\$44,879,300

3. DIRECT CHILD CARE -- WISCONSIN SHARES SUBSIDY REESTIMATE [LFB Paper 251]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	-\$105,412,800	-\$17,388,000	-\$122,800,800

Governor: Decrease funding for direct child care services by \$52,706,400 annually to reflect estimates of the funding needed to fully support subsidies under the Wisconsin Shares program in the 2023-25 biennium. Federal TANF and CCDF funding supports Wisconsin Shares subsidies.

The estimate is based on two factors which suggest that subsidy costs in the 2023-25 biennium will be less than the 2022-23 base allocation. First, Wisconsin Shares caseloads as of January, 2023, remain 15% below the pre-pandemic level in January, 2020. Second, current law restricts subsidies from exceeding a provider's market price, and thus Wisconsin Shares issuance has not yet fully reflected the subsidy increase provided under Act 58 (the 2021-23 biennial budget act). DCF estimates that approximately 1,000 providers raised their prices since January, 2022, whereas the subsidy "capped out" at 15,900 providers as of the end of July, 2022. [Under Wisconsin Shares, total reimbursement payments to any provider may not exceed the provider's market price.]

Joint Finance: Reduce funding by \$16,194,000 in 2023-24 and \$1,194,000 in 2024-25 to reflect a reestimate of the cost of subsidies under current law. In total, reduce base funding by \$68,900,400 FED in 2023-24 and by \$53,900,400 FED in 2024-25.

4. DIRECT CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES -- PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME AUTHORIZATIONS

FED	\$124,739,500
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Governor/Joint Finance: Provide \$53,459,800 in 2023-24 and \$71,279,700 in 2024-25 to fund the full cost of implementing Wisconsin Shares authorizations based on part-time and full-time authorizations, instead of exact hourly authorizations. Under current practice, authorizations for child care may be for full-time care (between 35 and 50 hours per week) or part-time care (less than 35 hours per week). Additional time may also be authorized, although a child cannot be

authorized for more than 75 hours per week.

Federal law requires that subsidy payments reflect generally accepted payment practices of child care providers who serve children who do not receive CCDF subsidies, including payments made based on full- or part-time reservations. The federal Administration for Children and Families conditionally approved the state's federal fiscal years 2022-2024 CCDF plan with the requirement that DCF develop new policies for rate authorizations using part-time and full-time authorizations.

According to DCF, under the new system, authorizations under 21 weekly hours would receive a part-time rate, and authorizations of 21 hours or more would receive a full-time rate. DCF estimates the cost of this change is \$71.3 million on an annualized basis, with the new authorizations beginning October, 2023.

5. DIRECT CHILD CARE -- INCOME DISREGARD FOR DIRECT CARE WORKERS *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	\$1,200,000	-\$1,200,000	\$0

6. DIRECT CHILD CARE SERVICES -- TRIBAL CONTRACTS

FED	\$875,000
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Governor/Joint Finance: Provide \$375,000 in 2023-24 and \$500,000 2024-25 to increase funding for tribal child care contracts. Nine of the state's 11 tribes currently have child care contracts with DCF to carry out state child care certification activities, Wisconsin Shares authorizations and administration, and fraud prevention and investigations. The Administration intends to increase each of the existing tribal child care contracts by \$55,555, which could support at least one additional FTE position per tribe.

7. CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM [LFB Paper 252]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$22,396,000	-\$22,396,000	\$0

Governor: Provide \$11,198,000 annually to create a child care partnership grant program, including \$10,000,000 annually to fund grants and \$1,198,000 annually to fund contracted services to administer the program. Create an annual GPR appropriation to fund the grants.

Authorize DHS to award grants to businesses that provide, or wish to provide, child care services for their employees. Specify that a grant may be used to: (a) reserve child care placements

for local business employees; (b) pay child care tuition; and (c) fund other costs related to child care. Authorize DCF to promulgate rules to administer the program, including rules to determine eligibility for grants. Require grantees to provide matching funds equal to at least 25% of the amount awarded. Define "business" as any organization or enterprise operated for profit or a nonprofit corporation, and does not include a governmental entity.

Joint Finance: Provision not included.

8. QUALITY CARE FOR QUALITY KIDS -- CHILD CARE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT [LFB Paper 253]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)		Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)		Net Change	
	Funding Positions		Funding Positions		Funding Positions	
GPR	\$303,108,700	4.00	-\$303,108,700	- 4.00	\$0	0.00
FED	<u>38,000,000</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>- 38,000,000</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$341,108,700	4.00	-\$341,108,700	- 4.00	\$0	0.00

Governor: Provide \$100,389,400 (\$81,389,400 GPR and \$19,000,000 FED) in 2023-24 and \$240,719,300 (\$221,719,300 GPR and \$19,000,000 FED) in 2024-25 to establish the Child Care Counts program as a permanent child care quality improvement program. The funding increases in the bill include: (a) \$100,000,000 (\$81,000,000 GPR and \$19,000,000 FED) in 2023-24 and \$240,000,000 (\$221,000,000 GPR and \$19,000,000 FED) in 2024-25 to fund payments to providers; and (b) \$389,400 GPR in 2023-24 and \$719,300 to fund DCF's costs of administering the program, including 4.0 GPR positions, beginning in 2023-24.

Authorize DCF to establish a program to make monthly payments and monthly per-child payments to certified child care providers, licensed child care centers, and child care programs established or contracted for by a school board. Authorize DCF to promulgate rules to implement the program, including establishing eligibility requirements and payment amounts and setting requirements for how recipients may use the payments. Specify that DCF may promulgate the rules as emergency rules without providing a finding of an emergency.

Repeal an obsolete provision that prohibits DCF from increasing the maximum payment rates for child care providers before June 30, 2013.

The Child Care Counts stabilization payments program provides monthly payments to child care providers to support the costs of maintaining high quality care and to support workforce recruitment and retention. The payment period runs in two, nine-month blocks from August, 2022, through April, 2023, followed by a subsequent nine-month payment program from May, 2023, through January, 2024. Payments for provider costs are determined based on a per child amount by age (for example each full-time infant would increase the payment by \$175) plus an additional amount for each child who: (a) receives Wisconsin Shares; (b) attends during non-standard hours; or (c) participates in a Birth-to-3 child care pilot program. Payments for staff recruitment and retention are determined based on an amount per employee (\$150 for each full-time and \$75 per part-time worker) plus a quality incentive amount for YoungStar participating providers (for

example, \$350 per full-time worker for 5-Star providers). The program is funded currently from one-time supplemental and emergency CCDBG funds the state received under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Joint Finance: Provision not included.

9. QUALITY CARE FOR QUALITY KIDS -- WELLPOINT EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER *(Removed from consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$840,000	- \$840,000	\$0
FED	<u>840,000</u>	<u>- 840,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$1,680,000	- \$1,680,000	\$0

10. QUALITY CARE FOR QUALITY KIDS -- SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING INITIATIVE [LFB Paper 254]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	\$3,291,200	- \$2,221,200	\$1,070,000

Governor: Provide \$1,327,200 in 2023-24 and \$1,964,000 in 2024-25 to fund social emotional learning (SEL) for young children. Although not specified in the bill, the Administration indicates that this item would fund: (a) training and technical assistance to early childhood education programs provided by staff in each of five preschool development regions (\$864,000 in 2023-24 and \$1,152,000 in 2024-25); (b) regional lead staff that provide oversight of program coaches and trainers, support community integration teams, and support data collection and analysis (\$476,700 in 2023-24 and \$635,600 in 2024-25); (c) statewide management staff that would provide coordination and support for SEL and quality improvement, and represent SEL efforts on groups involved in child development issues (\$219,800 in 2023-24 and \$302,600 in 2024-25); and (d) statewide training, materials, an evaluation, technical support, and indirect costs (\$301,700 in 2023-24 and \$408,800 in 2024-25. In addition to the funding increase in the bill, base funding for SEL activities (\$535,000) would also be used to support these costs.

Joint Finance: Decrease funding by \$792,200 in 2023-24 and by \$1,429,000 in 2024-25 so that an additional \$535,000 annually would be provided to fund SEL for young children. Including base funding (\$535,000), overall funding for such programs would be \$1,070,000 annually.

11. QUALITY CARE FOR QUALITY KIDS -- NEW PROVIDER GRANTS [LFB paper 254]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	\$10,000,000	-\$10,000,000	\$0

Governor: Provide \$5,000,000 annually to provide grants for pre-licensing support, including start-up costs, to applicants interested in becoming child care providers. Although not specified in the bill, DCF would increase a current pre-licensing contract (currently \$340,000 annually) to offer greater technical assistance and guidance to applicants who wish to become licensed providers. Further, DCF would implement a grant targeted to new providers within the child care counts program to support new providers. The Administration indicates that this would include \$500,000 set aside to fund providers in tribal areas.

Joint Finance: Provision not included.

12. CHILD CARE -- STATE ADMINISTRATION

	Governor (Chg. to Base)		Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)		Net Change	
	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions
GPR	\$1,377,400	0.00	\$0	0.00	\$1,377,400	0.00
FED	<u>4,868,700</u>	<u>-1.00</u>	<u>-684,200</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,184,500</u>	<u>-1.00</u>
Total	\$6,246,100	-1.00	-\$684,200	0.00	\$5,561,900	-1.00

Governor: Increase funding by \$3,079,900 (\$688,700 GPR and \$2,391,200 FED) in 2023-24 and \$3,166,200 (\$688,700 GPR and \$2,477,500 FED) in 2024-25 for state administration of child care programs, including the following.

Online Licensing. Provide \$994,400 FED in 2023-24 and \$426,900 FED in 2024-25 for the costs of transitioning childcare provider licensing from a paper-based system to an online format.

Child Care Counts Information Technology (IT). Provide \$212,000 FED in 2023-24 and \$424,000 FED in 2023-24 for ongoing maintenance, ad-hoc requests, and other IT changes as needed for the Child Care Counts program.

Child Care Counts Call Center Operations. Provide \$100,000 FED in 2023-24 and \$200,000 FED in 2024-25 to support call center operations assist grant recipients troubleshoot issues with Child Care Counts applications, payments, and regulations.

Child Care Statewide Administration on the Web (CSAW). Increase funding by \$688,700 GPR annually to reflect the transfer of the administrative responsibilities for, and costs of, CSAW from the Department of Health Services to DCF. CSAW is used to create authorizations for families to receive Wisconsin Shares child care subsidies. A corresponding GPR reduction is reflected under "Health Services -- FoodShare and Public Assistance Administration."

CARES. Provide \$126,200 FED in 2023-24 and \$200,400 FED in 2024-25 to support administrative vendor contract costs for the Client Assistance for Re-employment and Economic Support (CARES) system.

Standard Budget Adjustments. Increase CCDF funding by \$958,600 FED in 2023-24 and by \$1,226,200 FED in 2024-25 to reflect standard budget adjustments, including: (a) turnover reduction (-\$376,700 annually); (b) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$968,100 annually); (c) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (-\$102,600 in 2023-24 and -\$128,300 in 2024-25); and (d) a realignment of funding and positions within the Department (-\$146,700 annually). Finally, a funding increase of \$616,500 in 2023-24 and \$909,800 in 2024-25 would be for staff costs associated with health insurance, retirement, and reserves.

Joint Finance: Reduce funding by \$186,100 FED in 2023-24 and \$498,100 FED in 2024-25 to reflect: (a) the removal of items related to the Child Care Counts call center and IT services (-\$312,000 in 2023-24 and -\$624,000 in 2024-25); (b) an increase in the turnover reduction (-\$251,000 annually) summarized under "Departmentwide;" and (c) funding to support the Department's cybersecurity plan (\$376,900 annually) summarized under "Departmentwide."

13. WISCONSIN WORKS BENEFITS REESTIMATE [LFB Paper 250]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	-\$4,369,700	-\$6,630,300	-\$11,000,000

Governor: Reduce funding for Wisconsin Works (W-2) benefits payments by \$3,282,800 in 2023-24 and by \$1,086,900 in 2024-25 to fund projected costs in the 2023-25 biennium. Base funding for W-2 benefits is \$34,000,000, so a total of \$30,717,200 in 2023-24 and \$32,913,100 in 2024-25 in TANF funds would be budgeted for W-2 benefits payments under the bill.

The Administration uses unemployment rates prepared by the National Association for Business Economics in a model that incorporates the relationship between unemployment rates and paid W-2 caseload as the basis for its projections.

Joint Finance: Reduce funding by \$2,717,200 in 2023-24 and by \$3,913,100 in 2024-25. Overall, a total of \$28,000,000 in 2023-24 and \$29,000,000 in 2024-25 in TANF funds would be budgeted for W-2 benefits payments.

14. WISCONSIN WORKS SERVICE CONTRACTS [LFB Paper 250]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	-\$1,707,200	\$1,707,200	\$0

Governor: Decrease funding for W-2 contracts by \$4,490,900 in 2023-24 and increase funding by \$2,783,700 in 2024-25 to reflect estimates of funding that DCF will need to support

W-2 service contracts in the 2023-25 biennium. Base funding for contracts is \$57,071,200, so a total of \$52,580,300 in 2023-24 and \$59,854,900 in 2024-25 would be budgeted for W-2 agency contracts under the bill. W-2 service contracts fund the costs of subsidized employment placements, work support services, education and training, and agency administration. The funding increase reflects the Administration's projections of W-2 agency caseload increases.

Joint Finance: Delete the funding changes recommended by the Governor. Maintain base funding for W-2 contracts, based on W-2 benefit and caseload information through March, 2023, unemployment data, and the terms of the 2023 W-2 service contract.

15. TRANSFORM MILWAUKEE AND TRANSITIONAL JOBS *(Removed from consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	\$3,400,000	- \$3,400,000	\$0

16. KINSHIP CARE [LFB paper 266]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	\$34,410,000	- \$29,913,400	\$4,496,600

Governor: Provide \$12,132,300 in 2023-24 and \$22,277,700 in 2024-25 to increase funding for monthly kinship care payments. In total, the bill would provide \$43,574,100 in 2023-24 and \$53,719,500 in 2024-25 to fund these payments.

As an alternative to foster care and other out-of-home care placements, monthly kinship care payments are provided by counties, tribes, and DCF (in Milwaukee County) to qualifying adults to support costs of caring for their relative children. The current kinship care rate -- \$300 per child per month -- equals the current Level 1 foster care payment rate.

The funding change in the bill reflects the following three adjustments.

First, decrease funding by \$4,130,700 in 2023-24 and \$4,208,000 in 2024-25 to reflect projected costs of kinship care payments and assessments under current law, based on projected kinship care caseloads and benefit payments.

Second, increase funding by \$8,436,300 in 2023-24 and \$16,824,400 in 2024-25 to fund the estimated costs of modifying the program so that kinship caregivers would receive monthly payment amounts based on the age of the child (similar to monthly payments to foster care parents), and other supplemental payments foster parents currently receive. The Administration's estimates of the cost of these changes are as follows: (a) \$8,264,700 in 2023-24 and \$16,482,300 in 2024-25 to fund age-based level monthly payment rates); (b) \$134,100 in 2023-24 and \$267,400

in 2024-25 to fund sibling exceptional payments; and (c) \$37,500 in 2023-24 and \$74,700 in 2024-25 to fund one-time clothing allowances)

Third, increase funding by \$7,826,700 in 2023-24 and \$9,661,300 in 2024-25 to expand eligibility for kinship care to like-kin relationships, first cousin once-removed, and tribal designees. [For additional information on these proposals, see Child Welfare.]

Joint Finance: Reduce funding by \$11,854,900 2023-24 and \$18,058,500 in 2024-25, as the provisions expanding kinship care are not included. Overall, increase TANF funding for kinship care payments by \$277,400 in 2023-24 and \$4,219,200 in 2024-25 to reflect caseload estimates and to fund an increase the monthly rate from \$300 to \$375, beginning January 1, 2024. Further information is provided under "Child Welfare."

17. CHILD WELFARE SAFETY SERVICES *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$8,063,800	- \$8,063,800	\$0
FED	<u>- 8,063,800</u>	<u>8,063,800</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0

18. HOMELESS CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES GRANTS *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	\$1,000,000	- \$1,000,000	\$0

19. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS [LFB Paper 255]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$2,600,000	- \$2,600,000	\$0
FED	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>
Total	\$3,600,000	\$1,400,000	\$5,000,000

Governor: Provide \$1,800,000 (\$1,300,000 GPR and \$500,000 FED) annually to increase a grant DCF provides to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Wisconsin. Create an annual GPR appropriation for this purpose.

Although not specified in the bill, the Administration indicates that the TANF funding increase would support the Wisconsin After Three program, an after-school program designed to

improve social, academic, and employment skills of low-income youth through tutoring in math and English, study habits, and exposure to career options and role models. The GPR funding is intended to support mental health and substance abuse prevention services. DCF indicates that that approximately 40% of program participants would not be meet TANF eligibility requirements, and therefore state funding is needed to provide services that cannot be funded with TANF.

Joint Finance: Delete GPR funding and the GPR appropriation from the bill (-\$1,300,000 GPR annually). Further, change the federal funding by \$4,500,000 in 2023-24 and -\$500,000 in 2024-25 so that, relative to base funding, total funding is increased by \$5,000,000 FED in 2023-24 for the Boys and Girls Clubs. Under Joint Finance, grant funding for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Wisconsin would be \$7,807,000 FED in 2023-24 and \$2,807,000 FED in 2024-25.

20. CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES [LFB Paper 255]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	\$1,000,000	-\$1,000,000	\$0

Governor: Provide \$500,000 annually to increase, from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, annual funding DCF provides to the Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc. (WisTAF) to distribute grants to programs that provide legal services in certain civil matters.

Modify the program to: (a) permit grant recipients to use funding to provide eligible individuals civil legal services related to evictions; (b) repeal a provision that establishes a \$75,000 annual maximum award amount any program can receive in a year; and (c) repeal provisions that authorizes DCF to identify underspending in the federal block grant aids appropriation for TANF and provide up to \$100,000 of such funds to WisTAF under certain conditions, including that the funding be matched by private donations. [DCF indicates it does not currently make grants described under (c), as DCF would be required to underspend the statutory TANF allocations for other programs.]

WisTAF is a nonprofit organization established by the Wisconsin Supreme Court that provides grants to civil legal aid organizations that increase access to legal services. These grants may not be used for litigation against the state and, under current law, and may only be used to support specific civil legal services (related to domestic abuse, sexual abuse, or restraining orders for certain at-risk elderly and disabled individuals) for TANF-eligible individuals with household income less than 200% of the federal poverty level (\$49,720 per year for a family of three in 2023).

Joint Finance: Provision not included.

21. FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS TOGETHER [LFB Paper 255]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	\$500,000	- \$500,000	\$0

Governor: Provide \$250,000 annually to increase funding for the families and schools together (FAST) program from \$250,000 to \$500,000 annually. Specify that the additional funding would be distributed only if the recipient provides matching funds.

FAST is a prevention/early intervention program for elementary school-aged children that connects schools, families and communities in five elementary schools in Milwaukee Public Schools selected by DCF. Parents participate in monthly group meetings over a period of eight weeks to enhance family functioning, strengthen infant or scholastic development, and prevent substance abuse and delinquency.

Joint Finance: Provision not included.

22. JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES PROGRAM [LFB Paper 255]

FED	\$1,000,000
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Governor/Joint Finance: Provide \$500,000 annually to expand the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program to up to five additional schools in rural and urban areas of the state. Total funding for the program would increase from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 annually, beginning in 2023-24.

JAG is a state-based national nonprofit organization that assists youth in reaching economic and academic success. Services involve classroom instruction, adult mentoring, leadership development, guidance and counseling, job and postsecondary education placement services, links to community services, and 12-month follow-up services. In 2020-21, the JAG program served 290 students (116 of whom were funded through DCF) in Chippewa, Clark, Dane, Jackson, Marathon, Milwaukee, Monroe, and Rock Counties.

23. CHILD SUPPORT DEBT REDUCTION PROGRAM (Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	\$10,416,000	- \$10,416,000	\$0

24. STATE ADMINISTRATION OF WISCONSIN WORKS AND OTHER RELATED TANF PROGRAMS [LFB Paper 105]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	\$3,087,800	-\$289,600	\$2,798,200

Governor: Increase funding by \$1,339,400 in 2023-24 and \$1,748,400 in 2024-25 to support the costs of administering TANF-related programs, including the following.

BRITS. Provide one-time funding of \$118,300 in 2023-24 and \$322,900 in 2024-25 for enhancements and system upgrades for the Benefit Recovery Investigation Tracking System (BRITS). BRITS is an IT system used by DCF, DHS, and county income maintenance staff to assist in the recovery of overpayments made under several public assistance programs. The program became operational in 2017, and additional features to the system are in development.

HOPE. Provide \$187,200 annually to support a contracted position to manage implementation of a new Housing, Opportunity, Planning, and Empowerment (HOPE) program, DCF indicates that the program would provide financial literacy and empowerment services to families receiving Wisconsin Works benefits.

eWiSACWIS. Provide one-time funding of \$268,800 in each year of the biennium to support the vendor contract to develop mobile solutions and other advancements to the Wisconsin statewide automated child welfare information system (eWiSACWIS).

CARES. Provide \$199,200 in 2023-24 and \$316,400 in 2024-25 to support administrative vendor contract costs for the Client Assistance for Re-employment and Economic Support (CARES) system.

Homeless Case Management Services. Provide \$14,900 in 2023-24 and \$36,600 in 2024-25 to support staffing costs for the homeless case management services grant program.

Standard Budget Adjustments. Increase TANF funding by \$551,000 in 2023-24 and by \$616,500 in 2024-25 to reflect standard budget adjustments, including: (a) turnover reduction (-\$127,500 annually); (b) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$428,100 annually); and (c) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$22,300 in 2023-24 and \$11,800 in 2024-25). Finally, a funding increase of \$228,100 in 2023-24 and \$304,100 in 2024-25 would be for staff costs associated with health insurance, retirement, and reserves.

Joint Finance: Reduce funding by \$144,800 annually to reflect the following changes: (a) removal of the \$187,200 for HOPE; (b) increased turnover reduction of -\$85,000 annually under "Departmentwide"; and (c) cybersecurity funding of \$127,400 annually under "Departmentwide."

25. CARETAKER SUPPLEMENT [LFB Paper 256]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	- \$11,338,700	- \$4,261,000	- \$15,599,700

Governor: Reduce funding by \$5,382,600 in 2023-24 and \$5,956,100 in 2024-25 to reflect a reestimate of TANF-supported program costs for the caretaker supplement program, a program administered by the Department of Health Services that provides monthly cash payments to individuals who receive supplemental security income (SSI) payments with dependent children. Under the program, in addition to receiving state and federal SSI benefit payments, SSI recipients with dependent children receive a caretaker supplement of \$250 per month for the first child and \$150 per month for each additional child.

Base TANF funding budgeted in DCF for benefits and administration of the caretaker supplement is \$18,145,000. DHS funds caretaker supplement payments with a combination of GPR and TANF transferred from DCF. The GPR budgeted for payments is provided to enable the state to continue to meet federal SSI maintenance of effort requirements.

Under the bill, a total of \$12,762,400 in 2023-24 and \$12,188,900 in 2024-25, funded from TANF, would be budgeted to fund caretaker supplement payments and program administration costs.

Joint Finance: Reduce funding by \$3,062,500 in 2023-24 and by \$1,198,500 in 2024-25 to reflect: (a) the cost of increasing the supplement by 10%, from \$250 for the first child and \$150 for each additional child, to \$275 for the first child and \$165 for each additional child, effective July 1, 2023; and (b) reestimates of TANF-funded and GPR-funded state SSI supplemental payments.

26. EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	\$87,080,000	- \$87,080,000	\$0

27. SKILLS ENHANCEMENT GRANTS [LFB Paper 255]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$500,000	- \$500,000	\$0
FED	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000

Governor: Increase funding for skills enhancement grants by \$250,000 annually. Base

funding for the program is \$250,000, so \$500,000 would be budgeted annually for DCF to provide as grants to community action agencies (CAAs).

CAAs use grant funds to assist eligible persons overcome barriers to employment and education, including access to transportation, child care, career counseling, job placement assistance, and financial support for education and training. These services are limited to individuals who work at least 20 hours per week and whose earned income is at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level (\$37,290 for a family of three in 2023).

Joint Finance: Delete the Governor's funding increase (-\$250,000 GPR annually). Instead, increase funding for the program by \$500,000 FED in 2023-24 and 2024-25 on a one-time basis. Together with base funding (\$250,000 GPR), \$750,000 (all funds) would be budgeted in both 2023-24 and 2024-25 for grants.

28. CHILD CARE FEE REVENUE REESTIMATE

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
FED	\$61,600	\$49,000	\$110,600
PR	<u>- 61,600</u>	<u>- 49,000</u>	<u>- 110,600</u>
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0

Governor: Reduce child care licensing fee revenue (PR) by \$30,800 annually to reflect estimates of child care licensing fee revenue to support program costs. Further, increase funding from the TANF block grant (FED) for TANF-related programs in a corresponding amount. This reestimate of program revenue and reallocation of TANF is reflected as: (a) a reduction in PR expenditures, with corresponding FED increases, for administrative standard budget adjustments of \$112,200 in 2023-24 and \$97,500 in 2024-25; and (b) an increase of \$81,400 PR in 2023-24 and \$66,700 PR in 2024-25 budgeted for program administration (supplies and services), with corresponding decreases in federal spending.

Joint Finance: Decrease PR funding by \$24,500 annually and increase FED funding by a corresponding amount to support the implementation of a cybersecurity plan under "Departmentwide."

29. TANF ALLOCATIONS *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

30. DIRECT CHILD CARE SERVICES -- SUBSIDY PHASE-OUT [LFB Paper 251]

FED	\$22,000,000
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Joint Finance: Provide \$22,000,000 in 2024-25 and change the increase in Wisconsin Shares copayments above the phase-out threshold to \$1 for every \$5 increase in a participating household's income, rather than \$1 for to every \$3 increase in a participating household's income,

as under current law, beginning in 2024-25.

31. DIRECT CHILD CARE SERVICES -- WISCONSIN SHARES INITIAL ELIGIBILITY EXPANSION [LFB Paper 251]

FED	\$5,000,000
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Joint Finance: Provide \$5,000,000 in 2024-25 to set a single initial eligibility and phase-out threshold for Wisconsin Shares subsidies at 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL), beginning in 2024-25. Under current law, applicants are financially eligible for Wisconsin Shares if their annual income is at or below 185% of the FPL. The required family copayments increase by \$1 for every \$3 a participating family's income increases above the 200% FPL phase-out threshold. They remain financially eligible so long as their income remains at or below the phase-out threshold of 85% of the state median income.

32. QUALITY CARE FOR QUALITY KIDS -- QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM (YOUNGSTAR) [LFB Paper 253]

FED	\$30,000,000
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Joint Finance: Provide \$10,000,000 in 2023-24 and \$20,000,000 in 2024-25 to the statutory allocation for quality care for quality kids to fund the resumption of YoungStar adjustment to subsidies under the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program based on the number of stars child care providers earn.

33. QUALITY CARE FOR QUALITY KIDS -- REWARD STIPENDS [LFB Paper 254]

FED	\$5,000,000
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Joint Finance: Provide \$5,000,000 in 2024-25 to support enhanced REWARD stipends. The REWARD program provides stipends to child care providers and teachers, provided that they meet certain requirements for education, employment, and career longevity. Stipend amounts are based on the individual's career level in the Registry, a credential system for the child care and education profession. The Registry awards certificates for specialized teaching fields and determines an individual's placement into the career levels system based on the individual's education and training. Including base funding, a total of \$5,700,000 would be provided in 2024-25 for REWARD stipends.

34. QUALITY CARE FOR QUALITY KIDS -- SHARED SERVICES NETWORK [LFB Paper 254]

FED	\$2,500,000
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Joint Finance: Provide \$2,500,000 in 2024-25 to support development and expansion of the Wisconsin Early Education Shared Services Network (WEESN). Child care providers use WEESN to pool resources and achieve economies of scale in purchasing supplies, conducting training, and recruiting workers.

35. QUALITY CARE FOR QUALITY KIDS -- CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL FED \$2,600,000

Joint Finance: Provide \$1,300,000 annually for child care resource and referral services. Wisconsin contracts with locally based child care resource and referral agencies to provide the following services: (a) connect parents with child care services and consumer education to make informed choices in selecting child care; (b) provide guidance to parents on child development, early learning, child abuse and neglect prevention, health and wellness, early care and education, and school-readiness; (c) develop professionals who care for and educate children; (d) deliver training and professional development, conferences, on-site consultation, and networking opportunities; (e) design, implement, and evaluate child care quality improvement initiatives; and (f) collect, analyze, and share data about early child care and education. Resource and referral agencies also function as local YoungStar offices. Together with base funding, overall funding would be \$2,598,600 annually.

36. NATIONAL READING PROGRAM

Joint Finance: Create an annual GPR appropriation to support national reading program grants. Provide \$500,000 GPR annually to the Committee's supplemental appropriation for this purpose. The fiscal effect of this provision is shown under "Program Supplements."

37. EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT - REESTIMATE FED - \$6,473,000

Joint Finance: Reduce funding for the refundable portion of earned income tax credit by -\$4,875,000 in 2023-24 and -\$1,598,000 in 2024-25 to reflect reestimates of credit claims under current law. [See "General Fund Taxes -- Income and Franchise Taxes."]

Under the bill, total TANF funding budgeted to fund the refundable portion of the earned income tax credit would decrease from \$66,600,000 to \$61,725,000 in 2023-24 and \$65,002,000 in 2024-25.

Child Welfare

1. DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES [LFB Paper 265]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$40,434,600	- \$40,434,600	\$0

Governor: Provide \$20,217,300 annually to increase grant funding for domestic abuse

services.

First, create a new program, the Living Independently through Financial Empowerment (LIFE) program, to provide assistance to survivors of domestic abuse. Create an appropriation for the program, and authorize DCF to allocate up to \$14,000,000 annually to fund the LIFE program. Specify that DCF may contract with a Wisconsin Works agency to administer the program.

Second, provide the remaining \$6,217,300 per year to increase grant funding budgeted under the domestic abuse grant program DCF currently administers. Under current law, DCF provides grant funding to nonprofit organizations and public agencies that provide shelter, advocacy, counseling, 24-hour phone assistance, and community education related to domestic abuse. Under the bill, total annual funding for this grant program would increase from \$12,434,600 to \$18,651,900. Of this funding, the statutes currently require grants for specific purposes totaling \$1,648,900.

Joint Finance: Provision not included.

2. INTENSIVE FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES *(Removed from consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base) Funding Positions		Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov) Funding Positions		Net Change Funding Positions	
GPR	\$33,163,400	1.00	-\$33,163,400	- 1.00	\$0	0.00
FED	<u>2,671,400</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>- 2,671,400</u>	<u>- 1.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$35,834,800	2.00	-\$35,834,800	- 2.00	\$0	0.00

3. KINSHIP CAREGIVER SUPPORTS AND SEARCH SERVICES [LFB Paper 266]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$16,496,500	-\$16,496,500	\$0

Governor: Provide \$8,259,400 in 2023-24 and \$8,237,100 in 2024-25 to provide additional support for kinship care providers and to assist in identifying potential kinship care placements.

Authorize DCF and county child welfare agencies to provide additional payments or services to support kinship care providers and create a GPR appropriation for that purpose. Authorize DCF to promulgate rules implementing such supports, including specifying eligibility criteria and qualifying costs and services.

This item includes \$7,868,200 in 2023-24 and \$7,845,900 in 2024-25 to fund flexible supports for kinship care providers. DCF indicates that services and financial support could provide assistance with costs of care that may otherwise jeopardize a placement or potential

placement, such as clothing, food, transportation, child care, and extra-curricular activities. The funding amount reflects DCF estimates that 41% of court-ordered and voluntary kinship care placements would receive supports, at an average annual cost of \$3,500 per child.

The remaining funding (\$391,200 annually) reflects DCF's intent to contract for access to a national database to identify relatives of a child. DCF and county child welfare agencies would use this service to improve their ability to identify potential kinship care placements.

Joint Finance: Provision not included.

4. FOSTER CARE AND KINSHIP CARE RATES [LFB Paper 266]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$1,176,100	- \$22,800	\$1,153,300
FED	<u>618,500</u>	<u>- 12,000</u>	<u>606,500</u>
Total	\$1,794,600	- \$34,800	\$1,759,800

Governor: Provide \$598,200 (\$392,000 GPR and \$206,200 FED) in 2023-24 and \$1,196,400 (\$784,100 GPR and \$412,300 FED) in 2024-25 to increase base monthly rates paid to foster care providers.

Increase the base monthly rates for basic foster care (level two) and treatment foster care (levels three through five) by 5%, to the amounts shown in the table below.

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Up to Age Five	\$420	\$441
Ages Five through 11	460	483
Ages 12 through 14	522	548
Ages 15 and Over	545	572

Modify monthly rates paid to kinship care providers and foster care providers with child-specific (level one) licenses (typically relatives or others with a close relationship to the child they are fostering) so that, rather than receiving a flat \$300 payment regardless of the age of the child, the kinship care or relative foster care payment would equal the same age-based rates paid to basic and treatment foster care providers.

Specify that these rate increases would take effect January 1, 2024. Increase the statutory amount paid to counties under Children and Family Aids to account for the estimated cost to counties to provide increased foster care payments.

The funding amount reflects \$1,156,100 (all funds) per year for the 5% increase to basic and treatment foster care base rates and \$40,300 (all funds) per year for the increase of relative foster care rates to match the age-based rates, beginning January 1, 2024. The federal share of the funding

reflects estimated reimbursements under Title IV-E. Kinship care payments are fully supported by TANF funds. As summarized under an item in "TANF and Economic Support," the bill would increase FED TANF funding by \$8,264,700 in 2023-24 and \$16,482,300 in 2024-25 to reflect the Administration's estimate of the cost of implementing these changes in kinship care payments.

While counties, other than Milwaukee, are financially responsible for foster care payments, child welfare operations, and related services, DCF distributes Children and Family Aids (CFA) to counties to support these costs. Of the funding provided, the bill appropriates \$396,200 (\$259,600 GPR and \$136,600 FED) in 2023-24 and \$792,400 (\$519,300 GPR and \$273,100 FED) to increase CFA payments by the estimated cost counties would incur to provide the increased rates. Base CFA funding on an all-funds basis is \$101,162,800 per year.

Joint Finance: Instead of adopting age-based rates for kinship care and child-specific foster care, adopt a flat rate of \$375 per child per month, an increase from the \$300 under current law. Reduce funding by \$11,600 (-\$7,600 GPR and -\$4,000 FED under Title IV-E) in 2023-24 and by \$23,200 (-\$15,200 GPR and -\$8,000 FED under Title IV-E) in 2024-25 to account for this change to child-specific foster care.

To account for this change to kinship care rates, as summarized under "TANF and Economic Support," reduce funding by \$4,740,400 FED under TANF in 2023-24 and \$9,350,100 FED under TANF in 2024-25.

The reductions in funding related to child-specific foster care include reductions of \$7,600 (\$5,000 GPR and \$2,600 FED under Title IV-E) in 2023-24 and \$15,600 (\$10,300 GPR and \$5,300 FED under Title IV-E) in amounts appropriated to increase the CFA allocation. Net of this change and the exclusion of Item 5, the statutory amount distributed under CFA is increased by \$388,600 in 2023-24 and \$776,800 in 2024-25 relative to the base amount. This would bring the total distributions to \$101,551,400 in 2023-24 and \$101,939,600 in 2024-25.

5. EXCEPTIONAL PAYMENTS FOR KINSHIP CARE AND RELATIVE FOSTER CARE [LFB Paper 266]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$12,800	-\$12,800	\$0
FED	<u>6,900</u>	<u>- 6,900</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$19,700	-\$19,700	\$0

Governor: Provide \$9,400 (\$6,100 GPR and \$3,300 FED) in 2023-24 and \$10,300 (\$6,700 GPR and \$3,600 FED) in 2024-25 to increase rates paid to foster care providers with child-specific (level one) licenses, who are typically relatives or others with a close relationship to the child they are fostering, to include exceptional payments to allow siblings or a minor parent and their child to be placed together and an initial clothing allowance. Modify administrative code related to exceptional payments made to basic foster care (level two) and treatment foster care (levels three through five) providers to permit these payments to relative foster care providers.

Separately, modify statutes to permit the same exceptional payments to be made to kinship care providers, and authorize DCF to promulgate rules implementing these payments. Create administrative rules specifying that these exceptional payments may be made, subject to a maximum amount determined by DCF.

Authorize emergency payments to kinship care providers, subject to DCF approval and in amounts determined by DCF, if any of the following apply to the location where the kinship care provider lives: (a) the Governor has declared a state of emergency; (b) the federal government has declared a major disaster; (c) the state has received federal funding for child welfare purposes due to an emergency or disaster; or (d) DCF determines that conditions such as a pandemic or other public health threat, a natural disaster, or unplanned school closures of five or more consecutive days have resulted in a temporary increase in care costs. Authorize DCF to promulgate administrative rules to implement these emergency payments.

The federal share of the funding provided reflects estimated reimbursements under Title IV-E. Kinship care payments are fully supported by TANF funds. As described under "TANF and Economic Support," the bill would provide an additional \$171,600 FED in 2023-24 and \$342,100 FED in 2024-25 in TANF funds to make these supplemental payments to kinship care providers, beginning January 1, 2024.

While counties, other than Milwaukee, are financially responsible for foster care payments, child welfare operations, and related services, DCF distributes Children and Family Aids (CFA) to counties to support these costs. Of the funding provided, the bill provides \$5,700 (\$3,800 GPR and \$1,900 FED) in 2023-24 and \$6,400 (\$4,200 GPR and \$2,200 FED) to increase CFA payments by the estimated cost counties would incur to provide the exceptional payments. Base CFA funding on an all-funds basis is \$101,162,800 per year.

Joint Finance: Provision not included.

6. ELIGIBILITY OF LIKE-KIN FOR KINSHIP CARE [LFB Paper 266]

Governor: Provide \$7,826,700 in 2023-24 and \$9,661,300 in 2024-25 in TANF funding, as described under "TANF and Economic Support," to expand eligible placements under the kinship care program to include adults with a strong relationship to the child similar to a familial relationship. Make statutory changes to implement this expansion, as detailed below.

Kinship care is one potential court-ordered or voluntary out-of-home care placement setting, similar to foster care or congregate care. Under current law, children can be placed with any descendant of their great-great-grandparents other than third cousins, cousins once removed, or more distant cousins, including step-siblings, -uncles, and -aunts, and including the spouse or former spouse of any such relative. Relatives providing kinship care do not need to be licensed as foster care providers, although they may be required to pursue licensure to continue receiving monthly kinship care payments.

The bill would permit kinship care placements with first cousins once removed and with like-kin, defined as people with a significant emotional relationship to the child or their family that

is similar to a familial relationship. The bill excludes former foster parents from the definition of like-kin for this purpose, but specifies that current and former foster parents may still participate in permanency planning for children placed in a qualified residential treatment program, as under current law. For Native American children, the bill specifies that like-kin can include people identified by the child's tribe or band according to tribal law, code, resolution, or tradition.

The bill further modifies statutes to expand provisions that apply to kinship care placements with a relative to also apply to placements with like-kin, including provisions of the Children's Code and Juvenile Justice Code.

The state assumes financial responsibility for kinship care payments in every county, tribe, and band and funds monthly kinship care payments with TANF funding. DCF estimates that the expansion of kinship care to include like-kin will increase non-tribal placements by 20%, that the inclusion of caregivers identified by a tribe or band will increase tribal placements by 40%, and that the inclusion of first cousins once removed would increase all placements by half a percent. Summarized separately, the bill would increase kinship care rates to use the same age-based rates and supplements paid under non-relative foster care. The table below summarizes the estimated cost of each eligibility expansion in this item under current rates and under the proposed rates.

<u>Included Group</u>	<u>Cost Under Current Rates</u>		<u>Cost Under Proposed Rates</u>	
	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
Like-Kin	\$5,462,200	\$5,446,700	\$6,614,700	\$8,126,400
Tribal Designees	864,200	892,600	1,046,600	1,331,700
1st Cousins Once Removed	<u>136,600</u>	<u>136,200</u>	<u>165,400</u>	<u>203,200</u>
Total	\$6,463,000	\$6,475,500	\$7,826,700	\$9,661,300

Joint Finance: Provision not included.

7. DIVISION OF MILWAUKEE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES -- AIDS PAYMENTS AND CONTRACTED SERVICES

GPR	\$5,035,100
FED	<u>3,504,000</u>
Total	\$8,539,100

Governor/Joint Finance: Provide \$4,274,300 (\$2,521,100 GPR and \$1,753,200 FED) in 2023-24 and \$4,264,800 (\$2,514,000 GPR and \$1,750,800 FED) in 2024-25 to reflect reestimates of the cost of Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS) aids payments and contracted services. Base funding for these costs is \$111,112,300 (\$70,591,000 GPR, \$23,601,300 PR, and \$16,920,000 FED).

This item includes the following: (a) an adjustment to the division of costs between GPR and FED to reflect updated claiming and federal matching rates (-\$694,700 GPR and \$694,700 FED annually); (b) a decrease in funding for out-of-home care and wraparound services, to reflect expected caseloads and service costs lower than the base budget, of \$3,327,200 (-\$3,175,000 GPR and -\$152,200 FED) in 2023-24 and a decrease of \$3,336,700 (-\$3,182,100 GPR and -\$154,600 FED) in 2024-25; and (c) an increase in funding for aids contracts costs, such as funding for case

management, court services, placement services, and foster parent training, of \$7,601,500 (\$6,390,800 GPR and \$1,210,700 FED) annually.

8. MILWAUKEE CARE AND TREATMENT SERVICES [LFB Paper 267]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$15,463,000	-\$15,463,000	\$0

Governor: Provide \$4,381,000 in 2023-24 and \$11,082,000 in 2024-25 for services provided by DMCPs. DCF intends to use this funding to fill gaps they have identified in the continuum of care and treatment services currently available in the county. The funding reflects the following: (a) \$1,820,000 in 2023-24 and \$3,640,000 in 2024-25 to expand and improve access to mental, behavioral, and crisis health care services ; (b) \$1,261,000 in 2023-24 and \$2,522,000 in 2024-25 to expand the capabilities of assessment and stabilization centers to work with children with high needs; (c) \$2,320,000 in 2024-25 to contract for a dedicated qualified residential treatment program (QRTP) facility; and (d) \$1,300,000 in 2023-24 and \$2,600,000 in 2024-25 to provide expanded aftercare supports for children transitioning from a residential treatment setting to a foster family home or other less restrictive setting.

DCF indicates that many children in out-of-home care currently face waitlists and restrictions to access needed mental health care and behavioral health care. All children enrolled in out-of-home care receive health care coverage through the Medical Assistance (MA) program. DMCPs additionally contracts for mobile crisis services, but does not currently have dedicated contracts for other mental and behavioral health care that could prevent crises or provide transitional support once a child in crisis has been stabilized. The provided funding reflects estimated costs to contract with additional mental, behavioral, and crisis care providers to deliver urgent services to approximately 140 children per year, beginning in calendar year 2023, for periods of 60–90 days while access to long-term service providers is secured.

Assessment and stabilization centers provide a temporary placement for youth age 12 through 17 when they first enter care, experience a crisis, or otherwise need stabilization and an assessment of what subsequent placement would best meet their needs. DMCPs currently contracts with three centers providing 20 beds total. DCF indicates that ASCs do not currently have sufficient staff, medical professionals, and physical configurations to stabilize and assess children in severe crisis or with complex needs.

QRTPs provide short-term, intensive, residential treatment to children with the highest level of mental health care need. DCF indicates that Milwaukee children with this level of need are often placed out of state or in areas of the state far from family and other supports. DCF estimates that contracting for a dedicated QRTP for DMCPs would have ongoing costs of \$2,320,000 per year. The provided funding reflects \$1,160,000 for start-up costs over six months beginning July 2024 and \$1,160,000 for operating costs for the final six months of 2024-25.

QRTPs currently provide limited aftercare services to facilitate children's transitions back

into family settings, but not all other congregate care placements do. DCF intends to use the provided funding to expand aftercare services, including maintaining contact with the same providers, extending the time over which interventions are tapered off, providing therapy, and training foster parents in medication management and crisis intervention. The funding provided reflects DCF's estimates of service costs of \$26,000 per discharge from congregate care and providing expanded aftercare services for 100 discharges per year beginning in calendar year 2023.

Joint Finance: Provision not included.

9. MILWAUKEE CASE AIDES, MONITORING, AND ON-SITE CARE [LFB Paper 267]

	<u>Governor</u> <u>(Chg. to Base)</u>		<u>Jt. Finance</u> <u>(Chg. to Gov)</u>		<u>Net Change</u>	
	Funding Positions		Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions
GPR	\$1,252,500	4.60	-\$1,252,500	- 4.60	\$0	0.00
FED	<u>61,300</u>	<u>0.40</u>	<u>- 61,300</u>	<u>- 0.40</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$1,313,800	5.00	-\$1,313,800	- 5.00	\$0	0.00

Governor: Provide \$510,900 (\$484,600 GPR and \$26,300 FED) in 2023-24 and \$802,900 (\$767,900 GPR and \$35,000 FED) and 5.0 positions (4.6 GPR and 0.4 FED), beginning in 2023-24, to improve DMCPs operations. The Administration intends to convert LTE case aide positions that assist initial assessment specialists into permanent positions (\$125,700 in 2023-24 and \$167,600 in 2024-25 and 2.0 positions), contract for child care services while initial assessments are being conducted (\$183,000 GPR in 2023-24 and \$366,000 GPR in 2024-25), and increase contract and performance monitoring capacity (\$202,200 in 2023-24 and \$269,300 in 2024-25 and 3.0 positions). Under this item, 8% of the costs would be supported with federal funds DCF claims under Title IV-E, which is the rate currently applied to DMCPs staff.

DCF currently uses temporary project positions to hire assistants to support the work of initial assessment specialists. These aides require less expertise and training than assessment specialists require, and allow specialists to work more quickly and efficiently by taking on tasks such as transporting and supervising children, collecting information, and clerical tasks. DCF describes the temporary nature of these positions as creating a barrier to recruiting and maintaining these staff and increasing costs of hiring and training.

Currently, when a child is removed from their home, immediate care for that child is the responsibility of the initial assessment specialist (or case aide, if available) while they complete the assessment and identify an out-of-home placement. DCF intends to contract with a child care center to provide 24/7 access to professional child care with staff and facilities equipped for children that may be distraught or have other behavioral responses to being removed from their family home. The funding in this item reflects an estimated annual cost of \$366,000, beginning in calendar year 2024, for the contract.

When DMCPs places a child in out-of-home care, the case is assigned to a contracted agency to provide case management and ongoing services to the child and their family. Currently,

four program and policy analysts and one manager oversee these contracts, including measuring performance and working to reduce the use of congregate care. In addition, the quality improvement section for DMCPs as a whole consists of seven staff that collect program data, analyze system needs, and assist in policy development. DCF intends to add three program and policy analysts to these sections to meet increased contract oversight workload, improve data analysis and reporting, and work to improve the quality of care in DMCPs.

Joint Finance: Provision not included.

10. MILWAUKEE PREVENTIVE RESPITE SHELTER *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$1,098,300	- \$1,098,300	\$0

11. TRIBAL HIGH-COST PLACEMENTS AND PREVENTION *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$7,925,000	- \$7,925,000	\$0

12. TRIBAL SUBSIDIZED GUARDIANSHIPS [LFB Paper 268]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$539,200	- \$539,200	\$0
FED	292,600	0	292,600
PR	<u>0</u>	<u>539,200</u>	<u>539,200</u>
Total	\$831,800	\$0	\$831,800
GPR-Tribal	\$0	- \$539,200	- \$539,200

Governor: Provide \$395,800 (\$256,600 GPR and \$139,200 FED) in 2023-24 and \$436,000 (\$282,600 GPR and \$153,400 FED) in 2024-25 to reimburse tribes and bands for the cost of subsidized guardianships. Modify the GPR and FED appropriations currently used to reimburse counties for these costs to authorize reimbursements to tribes and bands. Authorize DCF to enter into agreements with tribal governments to provide reimbursement for subsidized guardianships, but require that such agreements require tribes and bands to comply with all requirements for administering subsidized guardianships that apply to counties, including eligibility. Make modifications to the statutes related to subsidized guardianships to expand provisions that apply to

counties to also apply to tribes and bands. Specify that a county may continue to make payments, and receive state reimbursement, for subsidized guardianships ordered by a tribal court if that county has entered into an agreement with the tribal government to do so.

The subsidized guardianship program funds payments to court-appointed guardians who provide permanent care for children with whom they have a familial or other significant emotional relationship. Subsidies are capped at the level of the foster care maintenance payment the guardian was receiving prior to the guardianship agreement. Financial responsibility for subsidized guardianships was transferred from local child welfare agencies to the state under 2021 Act 132, but the Act did not apply to subsidized guardianships ordered by a tribal court.

Joint Finance: Modify this item to use tribal gaming revenue in place of GPR. Create a new PR appropriation in DCF for this purpose and create a corresponding allocation under a Department of Administration (DOA) tribal gaming appropriation. Reduce GPR revenue by corresponding amounts to reflect a reduction in the tribal gaming revenue deposited in the general fund. Specify that any amounts of tribal gaming revenue transferred to DCF under this appropriation that are not expended revert to the DOA tribal gaming appropriation at the end of the fiscal year. Delete the modification to the existing GPR appropriation used to reimburse counties for these costs.

13. INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$7,705,000	- \$7,705,000	\$0

14. HOME VISITING [LFB Paper 269]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$5,096,000	- \$5,096,000	\$0
FED	<u>104,000</u>	<u>- 104,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$5,200,000	- \$5,200,000	\$0

Governor: Provide \$1,200,000 GPR in 2023-24 and \$4,000,000 (\$3,896,000 GPR and \$104,000 FED from Title IV-E) in 2024-25 to expand the Family Foundations Home Visiting (FFHV) program.

Under current law, DCF provides FFHV grants to county agencies, cities, nonprofit agencies, tribal organizations, and collaborations to provide voluntary home visiting services to at-risk families to prevent child abuse and neglect. Services generally follow one of three national models, known as Healthy Families America, Parents as Teachers, and Nurse-Family Partnership, each of which offer supportive in-home consultations beginning as early as pregnancy, hands-on

parent guidance and training, screenings for health, development, and maltreatment risks, and early interventions to prevent maltreatment. The program is primarily supported by the federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) grant, which provided \$8,564,700 in 2023. DCF is also currently budgeted \$1,985,700 GPR and \$6,212,100 FED from TANF per year for the program, and requires local matching funds for each grant. DCF currently contracts with 22 agencies to provide home visiting services, covering 40 counties and six tribes and bands.

DCF intends to use the additional funding in the bill to expand the geographic reach of the home visiting program by contracting with approximately 12 additional organizations to provide these services in new locations. DCF indicates that each new location could serve multiple counties, tribes, or bands. The funding reflects \$100,000 per new agency in 2023-24 for start-up costs and an average of \$333,300 per new agency in ongoing funding, beginning in 2024-25, for full service costs.

Prevention services such as home visiting are eligible for a 50% federal match under Title IV-E when they are provided for children who are at imminent risk of removal to out-of-home care or are pregnant or parenting while in out-of-home care. Based on available data, DCF estimates that 5.2% of children currently served by the home visiting program had an investigated allegation of maltreatment, and that a similar share would be eligible for IV-E prevention matching funds. Hence, the funding in the bill includes a 50% federal match for 5.2% of the service expenditures.

Joint Finance: Provision not included.

15. INFORMATION SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS [LFB Paper 270]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$3,010,200	-\$3,010,200	\$0
FED	<u>1,827,600</u>	<u>3,010,200</u>	<u>4,837,800</u>
Total	4,837,800	\$0	\$4,837,800

Governor: Provide \$2,418,900 (\$1,505,100 GPR and \$913,800 FED) annually, consisting of \$1,935,100 (\$1,204,100 GPR and \$731,000 FED) in one-time funding and \$483,800 (\$301,000 GPR and \$182,800 FED) in ongoing funding, for child welfare program operations. The Administration intends to use this funding for enhancements to the electronic Wisconsin Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (eWiSACWIS).

DCF and local child welfare agencies use eWiSACWIS as the database and case management system for all children involved in the child welfare system. DCF currently funds operation of the system with \$5,375,500 per year, consisting of \$2,321,500 GPR, \$1,935,200 FED matching funding received under Title IV-E, \$581,300 PR from counties assessed as their share of costs, and \$537,500 FED received under TANF corresponding to the share of costs related to the kinship care caseload. The one-time funding reflects a 50% funding increase to provide system modifications to meet new federal standards and improve functionality, including implementing mobile support and improving data exchanges with local agencies. The ongoing funding reflects a 10% increase to provide ongoing maintenance and improvements. Both increases are distributed

among GPR, Title IV-E, and TANF funding in proportion to their current share of costs; no increase is made to the costs assessed from counties. This item reflects only the GPR and Title IV-E funding changes, while the TANF funding (\$215,000 annually in one-time funding and \$53,800 annually in ongoing funding) is shown under "TANF and Economic Support."

Joint Finance: Modify funding for this item by deleting the GPR funding (-\$1,505,100 GPR annually) and replacing it with uncommitted Title IV-E funding (\$1,505,100 FED annually) to fund eWiSACWIS enhancements in the 2023-25 biennium. Of the amounts budgeted in 2024-25, \$2,150,100 [(\$1,935,100 FED (Title IV-E) and \$215,000 FED (TANF))] would be provided as one-time funding.

16. STATE OUT-OF-HOME CARE AND ADOPTIONS RE-ESTIMATE

GPR	-\$7,174,900
FED	<u>3,024,600</u>
Total	-\$4,150,300

Governor/Joint Finance: Reduce funding by \$2,739,700 (-\$4,055,700 GPR and \$1,316,000 FED) in 2023-24 and by \$1,410,600 (-\$3,119,200 GPR and \$1,708,600 FED) in 2024-25 to reflect a reestimate of adoption assistance, subsidized guardianship, and state foster care payments, changes in federal claiming rates in the 2023-25 biennium, and an increase to state adoption services contract costs to meet new federal requirements. The state claims federal matching funding for these costs under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

The state adoption assistance program funds payments to families who adopt children with special needs. Basic maintenance payments are based on uniform foster care rates specified in statute, and additional payments are based on each child's individual needs.

The subsidized guardianship program funds payments to court-appointed guardians who provide permanent care for children with whom they have a familial or other significant emotional relationship. Subsidies are capped at the level of the foster care maintenance payment the guardian was receiving prior to the guardianship agreement. Financial responsibility for subsidized guardianships was transferred from local child welfare agencies to the state under 2021 Act 132. The base funding shown in the table below reflects GPR funding transferred through a request approved by the Joint Committee on Finance; the corresponding federal appropriation was not reestimated to include base funding specific to subsidized guardianships.

The state foster care program provides temporary care for children in the custody of the state. Custody may be transferred from local child welfare agencies (or DMCPS) for children who are awaiting adoption and whose parents' parental rights have been terminated, including children who have been placed in out-of-home care for 15 of the most recent 22 months.

DCF provides pre-adoption services under the public adoptions program including case management, identification of potential adoptive families, and training, and provides post-adoption supports, services, and information under the Wisconsin adoption and permanency support (WiAPS) program. The request includes an increase in funding for these services to meet federal requirements related to re-investing savings under the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008.

The following table summarizes, by source, the base funding for these payments and services, the funding changes under this item, and the total funding provided.

	2023-24			2024-25		
	GPR	FED IV-E	All Funds	GPR	FED IV-E	All Funds
Adoption Assistance						
Base Funding	\$44,783,900	\$46,811,900	\$91,595,800	\$44,783,900	\$46,811,900	\$91,595,800
Reestimate	<u>-2,909,800</u>	<u>-853,100</u>	<u>-3,762,900</u>	<u>-2,903,500</u>	<u>-846,100</u>	<u>-3,749,600</u>
Subtotal	\$41,874,100	\$45,958,800	\$87,832,900	\$41,880,400	\$45,965,800	\$87,846,200
Subsidized Guardianship						
Base Funding	\$5,200,000	\$0	\$5,200,000	\$5,200,000	\$0	\$5,200,000
Reestimate	<u>197,700</u>	<u>2,927,500</u>	<u>3,125,200</u>	<u>745,700</u>	<u>3,224,600</u>	<u>3,970,300</u>
Subtotal	\$5,397,700	\$2,927,500	\$8,325,200	\$5,945,700	\$3,224,600	\$9,170,300
State Foster Care						
Base Funding	\$6,503,700	\$3,333,800	\$9,837,500	\$6,503,700	\$3,333,800	\$9,837,500
Reestimate	<u>-2,414,900</u>	<u>-1,183,500</u>	<u>-3,598,400</u>	<u>-2,246,700</u>	<u>-1,095,000</u>	<u>-3,341,700</u>
Subtotal	\$4,088,800	\$2,150,300	\$6,239,100	\$4,257,000	\$2,238,800	\$6,495,800
State Adoption Services						
Base Funding	\$2,615,300	\$1,633,700	\$4,249,000	\$2,615,300	\$1,633,700	\$4,249,000
Reestimate	<u>1,071,300</u>	<u>425,100</u>	<u>1,496,400</u>	<u>1,285,300</u>	<u>425,100</u>	<u>1,710,400</u>
Subtotal	\$3,686,600	\$2,058,800	\$5,745,400	\$3,900,600	\$2,058,800	\$5,959,400
Total						
Base Funding	\$59,102,900	\$51,779,400	\$110,882,300	\$59,102,900	\$51,779,400	\$110,882,300
Reestimate	<u>-4,055,700</u>	<u>1,316,000</u>	<u>-2,739,700</u>	<u>-3,119,200</u>	<u>1,708,600</u>	<u>-1,410,600</u>
Total	\$55,047,200	\$53,095,400	\$108,142,600	\$55,983,700	\$53,488,000	\$109,471,700

17. RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$4,040,000	-\$4,040,000	\$0

18. QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM TRAINING

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$400,000	-\$400,000	\$0
FED	<u>0</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>
Total	\$400,000	\$0	\$400,000

Governor: Provide \$200,000 annually to purchase specialized training for qualified residential treatment program (QRTP) staff. QRTPs are congregate care providers that meet federal qualifications to treat youth with serious mental or behavioral needs. The 2021-23 budget

provided \$140,000 GPR and \$60,000 FED (Title IV-E) in 2022-23 on a one-time basis for this purpose. This item would continue providing trainings on an ongoing basis.

Recent federal and state law changes created the QRTP designation and restricted reimbursement for out-of-home care placements with the intent of reducing placements in congregate care except for short-term, treatment-focused placements for the highest-acuity children. DCF indicates that these shifts will require more advanced skills from care providers, and the federal law requires QRTPs to implement trauma-informed methods. Using the one-time funding provided in 2022-23, DCF currently provides trainings related to safely reducing the use of restraints, understanding child sex trafficking, effectively responding to trauma, and other skills that make treatment more effective. DCF indicates that other topics that could be pursued with this funding include how psychotropic and other medications affect care and facility safety and management.

Joint Finance: Fund this item using an accumulated balance of FED funding received under Title IV-E in place of GPR. Although this program is not expected to be eligible for federal matching funds under Title IV-E, across all state expenditures under Title IV-E in recent years total reimbursements have been larger than the total amount of FED funding budgeted, yielding a FED balance that has been carried forward.

19. SIBLING CONNECTIONS PROGRAM *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$150,000	-\$150,000	\$0

20. CONSOLIDATE FUNDING AND PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF YOUTH SERVICES *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

21. MENOMINEE TRIBE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

PR	\$1,014,000
GPR-Tribal	-\$1,014,000

Joint Finance: Provide \$507,000 per year in tribal gaming revenue to support child welfare expenditures of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. Create a new PR appropriation in DCF for this purpose and create a corresponding allocation under a Department of Administration (DOA) tribal gaming appropriation. Reduce GPR revenue by corresponding amounts to reflect a reduction in the tribal gaming revenue deposited in the general fund. Specify that any amounts of tribal gaming revenue transferred to DCF under this appropriation that are not expended revert to the DOA tribal gaming appropriation at the end of the fiscal year.

This funding would be separate from existing funding provided by DCF to the Menominee

Tribe under the tribal family support program (FSP). That program provides annual allocations to each tribe and band that can be used to supplement a variety of human services, including domestic abuse prevention, child welfare, self-sufficiency, teen parenting, youth services, and child care.

22. TRIPLE P ONLINE

FED	\$4,000,000
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Joint Finance: Provide \$2,000,000 under Title IV-E annually in one-time funding to Children's Wisconsin for the purpose of making available statewide an online evidence-based parenting program that provides support to parents, reduces childhood behavioral issues, and increases family stability. Specify in statute that DCF shall award these amounts. The Triple P Online program is one such program identified by the federal Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse of evidence-based child abuse and neglect prevention interventions.

Expenditures for Triple P Online that are attributable to families with children at imminent risk of removal to out-of-home care such as foster care would be eligible for 50% federal matching under the Title IV-E prevention program. The remaining costs would be funded using an accumulated balance of FED funding received under Title IV-E. Across all state expenditures under Title IV-E in recent years total reimbursements have been larger than the total amount of FED funding budgeted, yielding a FED balance that has been carried forward.

Juvenile Justice

1. JUVENILE JUSTICE AIDS FOR 17-YEAR-OLDS *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$10,000,000	- \$10,000,000	\$0

2. YOUTH JUSTICE TRAINING *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$3,665,500	- \$3,665,500	\$0

3. **JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM REVIEW COMMITTEE** *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

4. **YOUTH JUSTICE DATA SYSTEMS** [LFB Paper 270]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$1,882,200	- \$1,882,200	\$0
FED	<u>870,200</u>	<u>1,481,800</u>	<u>2,352,200</u>
Total	\$2,752,400	- \$400,400	\$2,352,200

Governor: Provide \$936,700 GPR and \$435,100 FED in 2023-24 and \$945,500 GPR and \$435,100 FED in 2024-25 to develop a youth justice data and reporting system and to support continued licensing costs for the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument.

Joint Finance: Delete provision. Instead, provide one-time funding of \$1,176,000 FED (Title IV-E) in 2023-24 and 2024-25 to fund programming services for 5.0 contracted staff to develop a youth justice case management and reporting system.

5. **SRCC BONUS FUNDING FOR QUALIFYING COUNTIES**

GPR	\$750,000
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Governor/Joint Finance: Provide \$750,000 in 2024-25 to fund the estimated bonus payment to Racine County for operational costs associated with operating a Secure Residential Care Center (SRCC) for Children and Youth. Funding would be provided to the "Community Youth and Family Aids; Bonus for County Facilities" appropriation created under 2017 Act 185.

6. **YOUTH AIDS FUNDING MODIFICATIONS** *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

7. **YOUTH AND FAMILY AIDS -- LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND**

GPR	- \$46,652,900
SEG	<u>46,652,900</u>
Total	\$0

Joint Finance: Provide \$46,652,900 SEG in 2024-25 from the local government fund created under 2023 Act 12 for current law youth and family aids and modify existing funding by -\$46,652,900 GPR in 2024-25. This funding would be provided in addition to funding from the existing GPR appropriation for youth and family aids to maintain the current level of funding (\$93,305,700). As under the existing GPR appropriation, allow the Department of Children and Families to transfer money between fiscal years with Joint Committee on Finance approval.

Child Support and Departmentwide

1. LOCAL CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT [LFB Paper 280]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$10,000,000	- \$3,916,700	\$6,083,300
FED	<u>19,411,800</u>	<u>- 4,852,900</u>	<u>14,558,900</u>
Total	\$29,411,800	- \$8,769,600	\$20,642,200

Governor: Provide \$14,705,900 (\$5,000,000 GPR and \$9,705,900 FED) annually to increase state support for local administration of the child support enforcement program. Base GPR support for local child support enforcement programs is \$11,060,000. With this increase, GPR support for the program would increase to \$18,010,000 in calendar years 2024 and 2025. The source of the federal funding would be matching funds under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.

Local child support enforcement agencies operations are supported from several funding sources, including state GPR allocations, federal incentive payments, state medical support incentive payments, county funds, and federal matching funds. Most administrative and enforcement costs incurred by counties are reimbursed by the federal government based on a federal financial participation (FFP) rate of 66% of eligible costs.

If the funding increase provided under this item results in counties increasing their spending on child support activities, the state would claim additional federal matching funds. However, if the effect of the funding increase is to increase the state's share of child support enforcement costs and reduce local costs of these services by a corresponding amount, no additional federal funding would be claimed by the state. The federal funding that would be provided under this item reflects the Administration's estimate of additional federal Title IV-D funds the state would claim.

Joint Finance: Reduce funding by \$8,769,600 (\$3,916,700 GPR and \$4,852,900 FED (IV-D)) in 2023-24 to reflect an opening balance of \$1,416,700 in DCF's continuing appropriation and the difference in timing between state fiscal year and the calendar year allocations for counties.

2. CHILD SUPPORT IT MODERNIZATION PROJECT

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$9,411,500	- \$1,924,700	\$7,486,800
FED	<u>18,269,400</u>	<u>- 3,736,300</u>	<u>14,533,100</u>
Total	\$27,680,900	- \$5,661,000	\$22,019,900

Governor: Provide \$7,163,700 (\$2,435,600 GPR and \$4,728,100 FED) in 2023-24 and

\$20,517,200 (\$6,975,900 GPR and \$13,541,300 FED) in 2024-25 to support replacing the Kids Information Data System (KIDS) with a modern web-based information technology (IT) system. The federal funding would be 66% matching funds under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.

KIDS is a mainframe system made using COBOL programming that was implemented statewide in September, 1996. It is the primary IT system used for child support enforcement case and financial management functions by state, local, and tribal staff. DCF indicates that the aged architecture in KIDS is difficult to maintain and enhance, thereby increasing the complexity and expense of upgrading IT systems to meet federal performance standards. Further, according to DCF, the system is limited in terms of user interface, is unintuitive, lacks access to modern communication methods, and its automated data reporting is insufficient. DCF indicates that the total cost of the IT system, including upgrades, is estimated to be \$270 million for the 12-year period from 2018-19 through 2029-30, including: planning, development, statewide implementation, hardware, software, operation, and maintenance.

Joint Finance: Reduce funding by \$7,163,700 (-\$2,435,600 GPR and -\$4,728,100 FED) in 2023-24 and increase funding by \$1,502,700 (\$510,900 GPR and \$991,800 FED) in 2024-25. Provide overall funding of \$22,019,900 (\$7,486,800 GPR and \$14,533,100 FED) in 2024-25 to support replacing KIDS with a modern web-based information technology system. The funding would be provided on a one-time basis and not made part of the base budget for the 2025-27 biennium.

3. OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10).*

	Governor (Chg. to Base)		Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)		Net Change	
	Funding Positions		Funding Positions		Funding Positions	
GPR	\$290,700	0.92	-\$290,700	-0.92	\$0	0.00
FED	25,400	0.08	-25,400	-0.08	0	0.00
PR	<u>258,100</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>-258,100</u>	<u>-1.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$574,200	2.00	-\$574,200	-2.00	\$0	0.00

4. STANDARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS [LFB Paper 105]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	-\$1,574,600	-\$452,000	-\$2,026,600
FED	-825,400	-301,300	-1,126,700
PR	<u>-1,698,400</u>	<u>-453,200</u>	<u>-2,151,600</u>
Total	-\$4,098,400	-\$1,206,500	-\$5,304,900

Governor: Decrease funding by \$1,294,600 (-\$795,200 GPR, \$387,900 FED, and -\$887,300 PR) in 2023-24 and \$2,803,800 (-\$779,400 GPR, -\$1,213,300 FED, and -\$811,100 PR)

in 2024-25 to reflect the following standard budget adjustments: (a) turnover reduction (-\$339,100 GPR, -\$102,800 FED and -\$339,800 PR annually); (b) removal of non-continuing items (-\$508,000 FED and 24.0 FED positions in 2023-24 and -\$2,036,900 FED and 27.0 FED positions in 2024-25); (c) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (-\$521,600 GPR, \$813,700 FED, and \$604,700 PR annually); (d) overtime (\$736,900 GPR, \$20,600 FED, and \$4,200 PR annually); (e) night and weekend differential pay (\$129,700 GPR, \$11,300 FED, and \$1,300 PR annually); and (f) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (-\$801,100 GPR, \$153,100 FED, and -\$1,157,700 PR in 2023-24 and -\$785,300 GPR, \$80,800 FED, and -\$1,081,500 in 2024-25); and (g) minor transfers between appropriations (\$0).

These amounts do not include adjustments for administrative costs of the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program or the Wisconsin Works (W-2) program (\$816,100 FED and -\$112,200 PR in 2023-24 and \$816,100 FED and -\$97,500 PR in 2024-25), which are included in separate entries under "Economic Support and TANF-Funded Programs."

Joint Finance: Reduce funding by \$628,700 (-\$226,000 GPR, -\$176,100 FED, and -\$226,600 PR) in 2023-24 and by \$577,800 (-\$226,000 GPR, -\$125,200 FED, and \$226,600 PR) in 2024-25 to reflect: (a) a decrease of \$520,900 (-\$226,000 GPR, -\$68,300 FED, and -\$226,600 PR) annually to change the turnover rate from 3% to 5% for appropriations subject to turnover reduction; and (b) a decrease of \$107,800 FED in 2023-24 and \$56,900 FED in 2024-25 to reestimate full funding of lease and direct move costs.

5. FUNDING AND POSITIONS REALIGNMENTS

Governor/Joint Finance: Increase funding by \$111,900 (-\$1,000 GPR, \$700 FED, and \$111,900 PR) annually, and provide 1.0 PR position, beginning in 2023-24, to more accurately reflect the current needs and organizational structure of DCF. The net increase of 1.0 position and associated funding shown in this item are offset in a separate item under "Economic Support and TANF-Related Programs."

	Funding	Positions
GPR	- \$2,000	0.00
FED	1,400	0.00
PR	<u>223,800</u>	<u>1.00</u>
Total	\$223,200	1.00

6. PROGRAM REVENUE AND FEDERAL REVENUE REESTIMATES

Governor/Joint Finance: Provide \$3,621,100 (\$121,100 FED and \$3,500,000 PR) annually to reflect the net effect of adjustments to several program revenue and federal appropriations, as summarized in the following table.

FED	\$242,200
PR	<u>7,000,000</u>
Total	\$7,242,200

Program Revenue and Federal Funding Reestimates

	Source	Base	2023-24			2024-25		
			Reestimate	Other Items	Total	Reestimate	Other Items	Total
Children and Family Services								
Federal Program Aids	FED	\$12,264,400	-\$262,600	\$0	\$12,001,800	-\$262,600	\$0	\$12,001,800
Federal Project Aids	FED	3,843,300	56,700	0	3,900,000	56,700	0	3,900,000
Economic Support								
Community Services Block Grant	FED	8,717,000	327,000	-5,000	9,039,000	327,000	-5,200	9,038,800
Child Care Worker Background Checks	PR	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
Interagency and Intra-Agency Programs	PR	4,583,800	-500,000	-43,700	4,040,100	-500,000	-40,300	4,043,500
General Administration								
Interagency and Intra-Agency Programs	PR	17,986,400	2,000,000	0	19,986,400	2,000,000	0	19,986,400
Subtotal FED			\$121,100			\$121,100		
Subtotal PR			<u>3,500,000</u>			<u>3,500,000</u>		
Total			\$3,621,100			\$3,621,100		

7. CYBERSECURITY [LFB Paper 282]

	Governor (Chg. to Base)	Jt. Finance (Chg. to Gov)	Net Change
GPR	\$2,371,600	-\$1,403,400	\$968,200
FED	0	345,800	345,800
PR	<u>0</u>	<u>2,420,600</u>	<u>2,420,600</u>
Total	\$2,371,600	\$1,363,000	\$3,734,600

Governor: Provide \$1,185,800 annually to develop and implement a comprehensive cybersecurity plan for critical infrastructure, data, systems, and user accounts. The plan would include the following areas: (a) proactively managing, monitoring and tracking IT systems; (b) backup and recovery of critical systems and data; (c) strengthening digital data integrity and interoperability; (d) a contracted privacy officer to review data confidentiality; (e) cybersecurity supervision and coordination; and (e) implementation of a single "MyWisconsin" ID and authentication across state IT system.

Joint Finance: Increase funding by \$657,000 (-\$701,700 GPR, \$172,900 FED and \$1,185,800 PR) annually to fund the development and implementation of a comprehensive cybersecurity plan by using funding transferred from other DCF appropriations to a program revenue-service appropriation that funds centralized administrative and support services. Due to the transfer, these costs are "double counted" in the DCF budget (\$1,185,800 PR annually). Some of the funding for this item (\$504,300 FED) is summarized under other items in "TANF and Economic Support."

Allocation of Cybersecurity Plan Funding Among Divisions and Programs

		<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Children and Family Services		
(1)(aw)	General Program operations	GPR	\$124,500
(1)(cw)	Milwaukee Child Welfare Services	GPR	313,100
(1)(mw)	Milwaukee Child Welfare Services	FED	29,500
(1)(n)	State Foster Care and Adoption Services	FED	76,300
	Economic Support		
(2)(a)	General Program Operations	GPR	26,200
(2)(jn)	Child Licensing and Certification Activities	PR	24,500
(2)(mc)	Federal Block Grant Operations	FED	376,900
(2)(n)	Child Support State Operations	FED	52,700
(2)(om)	Refugee Assistance	FED	14,400
(2)(mc)	Federal Block Grant -- State Operations (TANF)	FED	127,400
	General Administration		
(3)(a)	General Program Operations	GPR	<u>20,300</u>
	Subtotal		\$1,185,800
(3)(k)	Administrative and Support Services	PR	\$1,185,800

8. EQUITY OFFICER POSITION *(Removed from budget consideration pursuant to Joint Finance Motion #10)*

	Governor		Jt. Finance		Net Change	
	(Chg. to Base)		(Chg. to Gov)		Funding Positions	
	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions
GPR	\$171,500	1.00	-\$171,500	- 1.00	\$0	0.00

9. VACANT POSITIONS

Joint Finance: Delete 2.27 (-0.01 GPR, -1.26 FED, and -1.00 PR) positions, beginning in 2023-24, that have been vacant for 18 months or more.

	Positions
GPR	- 0.01
FED	- 1.26
PR	<u>- 1.00</u>
Total	- 2.27