



Welcome to the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System

Welcome from all of us at the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System!

A career in public child welfare involves some of the most important, challenging and rewarding work anyone can do. We are here to support your efforts to provide quality and professional services to the families you will be serving and to provide effective supervision to your staff.

As a public child welfare supervisor in Wisconsin, you have access to an array of professional development opportunities. The WCWPDS is a resource for child welfare and supervisory training. We provide training opportunities across the realm of child welfare to support your practice.

As a new supervisor you are required to comply with DCF 43 training requirements. You will also have the opportunity to participate in training sessions developed specifically for supervisors including new supervisor orientation and Supervisor Foundation training in addition to a variety of ongoing training topics. These training topics are designed to meet your specific needs, whether you supervise Access, Initial Assessment, Ongoing Services, Foster Care Coordination, Youth Justice — or some combination of those. For more information, see the Supervisor Training and Supervisor Tools and Resources tabs on the WCWPDS website. When you click on these tabs, you will find more information for new supervisors, supervisor training, supervising specific job functions and practice areas, and additional supervisor resources and topics.

The WCWPDS is truly a partnership. We work collaboratively with the Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA), Tribal Child Welfare programs, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

This Supervisors section of the WCWPDS website is intended to give you an introduction to the WCWPDS and the Wisconsin Child Welfare Model for Practice, help you begin charting your professional development, and provide instructions on how to use the PDS Online training registration system. We hope you will find the information useful.

You may already be familiar with the WCWPDS, or you may find your questions answered on this site. If there is anything else you need to know, don't hesitate to contact our office at office@wcpds.wisc.edu or by phone (608) 890-3965. We will be happy to assist you.

Welcome, and we look forward to seeing you at training!