

Implementation and Budget Details
2020 ECAC Recommendation to Governor Evers

Recommendation Name:

Expand Access to Family Support Services through Family Resource Centers

Recommendation:

Family resource centers (FRCs) are critical to the health and well-being of Wisconsin's children and families. They serve as community hubs for family support, offer programs and services that reduce risk factors for child abuse and neglect, and improve outcomes such as school readiness and child well-being.

To ensure families have access to supports and resources, we recommend the governor recognize and advocate for the essential role of FRCs. We further recommend investing to stabilize family support services in local communities, as well as increasing those investments to make the services of FRCs available to more families.

Implementation Details:

We recommend an investment in a systemic approach to family support services, creating a hub to connect the dots between communities, families, local organizations and resources.

Specifically, the ECAC recommends funding to maintain direct services to families in local communities at a time when families are demonstrating an increased need and local funding sources are diminishing; expand services of existing FRCs to reach more families; and support training and capacity-building on topics including standards of quality, strengths-based practice, and cultural humility.

Financial Commitment:

To expand access to family support services through FRCs, the ECAC recommends an annual investment of \$7,500,000.

Initiative	Amount
Maintain and expand direct services to families in local communities Support training and capacity-building for FRCs.	\$7,500,000 annually