



Welcome to 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 exceptional services to the families with whom you work.

As a public child welfare worker in Wisconsin, you have access to an array of professional development opportunities through the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System. 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 in order to make training opportunities available to you across your whole career in child welfare — from new worker to maybe even director someday.

Public child welfare agencies have diverse operations to reflect the needs of their communities. Many Foster Care Coordinators have other child protective services responsibilities in addition to licensing and supporting foster parents. If this is your situation, you will begin with the Case Worker Web-Based Pre-Service training, after which you will attend Case Worker Foundation training to build your practice skills. You will also attend foster care coordinator role specific trainings. Each Foster Care Coordinator in the state is required to complete the standardized home study tool training; other role specific training topics are also available. For those with only Foster Care Coordinator responsibilities, you are not required to complete Pre-service or Foundation. However, you are welcome to access these training courses to increase your practice knowledge and support your agency's collaborative work with families.

This Foster Care Coordinator 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.

Your supervisor is familiar with the WCWPDS and will probably be able to answer many questions we haven't covered in this packet. If there is anything else you need to know, don't hesitate to contact our office at office@wcwpds.wisc.edu or by phone (608) 890-3965. We will be happy to assist you.

Again, welcome. We look forward to meeting you at training!