



**State-Level Committees and Councils**  
focus on children, families, disabilities, and/or long-term support &  
have families as members

**1. Committees and Councils Established under Statutory (Federal and/or State) Authority**

Name of Entity	Mission	Target Group	How to Apply
<a href="#">Council on Birth Defects Prevention and Surveillance</a>	The Council is charged with making recommendations to DHS regarding the Wisconsin Birth Defects Registry (WBDR)	Children and families including pregnant woman	Contact the Council <a href="http://cbdps.wisconsin.gov/">cbdps.wisconsin.gov/</a>
<b>Children’s Community Options Program</b> county level advisory committees	Advise the county Children’s Community Options Programs. More details are available at the county level	Children that meet CCOP eligibility and families	Contact individual county health departments <a href="http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/contact.htm">dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/contact.htm</a>
<a href="#">Children Come First Advisory Council</a> DHS, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, 608.266.0907	Support the development of a comprehensive system of coordinated care for children with severe disabilities and their families	Children with disabilities and their families	See website for how apply <a href="http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/ccfac/index.htm">dhs.wisconsin.gov/ccfac/index.htm</a>
<b>Independent Living Council of WI</b> <a href="http://ilcwis.org">ilcwis.org</a> 608.256.9257 or 866.656.4010	The Council collaborates with State vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies to develop, monitor and review the state independent living plan	Children and adults with disabilities and the elderly	Go to <a href="http://ilcwis.org/join-the-council/">ilcwis.org/join-the-council/</a> Council Contact: <b>Michelle Harper</b> , ILCW Program Coordinator, 608.206.1581 or <a href="mailto:mharper@ilcwis.org">mharper@ilcwis.org</a>
<b>IRIS Advisory Committee</b> <a href="http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/iac.htm">dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/iac.htm</a>	The IRIS Advisory Committee will strive to find solutions toward making progress, and develop improvements for IRIS as a self-directed long-term support options in WI	All consumers enrolled in the IRIS program	Contact the Division of Long-Term Care, Office of IRIS Management at 608.261.6749 <a href="mailto:DHSIRIS@wisconsin.gov">DHSIRIS@wisconsin.gov</a>

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<p><a href="#"><u>State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and/or the Children, Youth and Family subcommittee</u></a></p> <p>scaoda.state.wi.us</p>	<p>Review legislation, develop comprehensive state plan for AODA programs, coordinate efforts &amp; expenditures to prevent/control AODA, evaluate and analyze “select” AODA programs each biennium</p>	<p>Children and adults with substance abuse concerns</p>	<p>Application information and links at: 608.266.1351 <a href="http://scaoda.state.wi.us/councilmembership.htm"><u>scaoda.state.wi.us/councilmembership.htm</u></a></p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities</u></a></p> <p>wi-bpdd.org 888.332.1677</p>	<p>Plan for and oversee the state’s responses to the needs of people with developmental disabilities and to act as an advocate to insure the provision of adequate, appropriate services</p>	<p>All people, including children, with disabilities</p>	<p>Contact Beth Swedeen at BPDD 608.266.7707 or <a href="mailto:beth.swedeen@wisconsin.gov"><u>beth.swedeen@wisconsin.gov</u></a></p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Wisconsin Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</u></a></p> <p>dhhcouncil.state.wi.us</p>	<p>Provide advice and support to governmental bodies, private groups and individuals</p>	<p>People who are deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing</p>	<p><a href="http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/dhhcouncil/index.htm"><u>dhs.wisconsin.gov/dhhcouncil/index.htm</u></a> or contact the DHS Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing at 608.266.5641</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) / DRW Board</u></a></p> <p>www.disabilityrightswi.org disabilityrightswi.org/about/board 800.928.8778</p>	<p>Designated by the Governor to ensure the rights of all state citizens with disabilities through individual advocacy and system change, DRW is part of a national system of federally mandated independent disability agencies</p>	<p>People with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, mental illness</p>	<p>Contact Lea Kitz <a href="mailto:Lea.Kitz@drwi.org"><u>Lea.Kitz@drwi.org</u></a> 608.267.0214</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Wisconsin Council on Mental Health</u></a> and committees of this Council (Children and Youth Committee, Criminal Justice Committee, Legislative and Policy Committee)</p> <p>mhc.state.wi.us 608.266.2717</p>	<p>The council advises the Governor, legislature, and DHS on allocation of mental health block grants &amp; reviews mental health system’s progress towards achieving improved client outcomes &amp; the adequacy of mental health services in WI</p>	<p>Consumers, providers, and others who use the MH systems in WI</p>	<p>Contact the Office of Mental Health (DHS) and go to <a href="http://mhc.wisconsin.gov/membership.htm"><u>mhc.wisconsin.gov/membership.htm</u></a> Committee membership, including the Children and Youth Committee (without being a Council member) is also open to families and providers.</p>

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<p><a href="https://www.dcf.wisconsin.gov/mcps/partnership-council">Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council</a> <a href="https://www.dcf.wisconsin.gov/mcps/partnership-council">dcf.wisconsin.gov/mcps/partnership-council</a></p>	<p>Formulate policies, plans, evaluation, and funding priorities for operating and improving the child welfare system in Milwaukee County.</p>	<p>Children and families in Milwaukee County.</p>	<p>To apply and learn more go to: <a href="https://www.dcf.wisconsin.gov/mcps/partnership-council">dcf.wisconsin.gov/mcps/partnership-council</a></p>
<p><a href="https://www.pdcouncil.state.wi.us">Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities</a> <a href="https://www.pdcouncil.state.wi.us">pdcouncil.state.wi.us</a></p>	<p>Develop &amp; implement a state plan for services to people w/ PD, make recommendations on relevant legislation, promote public awareness &amp; prevention.</p>	<p>Children and adults with physical disabilities</p>	<p>Application material available at: 608.267.9582 <a href="https://www.pdcouncil.state.wi.us/join.htm">pdcouncil.state.wi.us/join.htm</a></p>
<p><a href="https://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/council">Wisconsin Council on Special Education</a> <a href="https://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/council">dpi.wi.gov/sped/council</a></p>	<p>The council advises the Department of Public Instruction's Special Education team on matters related to the education of all children w/ disabilities in Wisconsin by providing broad based input. Includes coordination of services, federal reporting and sharing DPI resources with parents across the state.</p>	<p>Students, families and educators</p>	<p>Nomination forms and more information available at: <a href="https://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/council">dpi.wi.gov/sped/council</a>  Contact DPI's Special Education Team at <b>608.266.1781</b> or <a href="mailto:dpisped@dpi.wi.gov">dpisped@dpi.wi.gov</a></p>
<p><b>State Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (PAC)</b> <a href="https://www.dpi.wi.gov/pac">dpi.wi.gov/pac</a></p>	<p>The State Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) provides advice to the state superintendent on family engagement in student learning. The PAC offers members the opportunity to learn about state education programs and priorities, while encouraging parents to share information about effective practices in their schools and communities.</p>	<p>Students, families and educators</p>	<p>Complete a nomination form, available on the DPI site or contact <a href="mailto:RuthAnne.Landsverk@dpi.wi.gov">RuthAnne.Landsverk@dpi.wi.gov</a> ,  <b>608.266.9757</b> or <b>608.267.3721</b></p>

## 2. Committees and Councils Established by Executive Order of the Governor

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<p><b>Governor’s Autism Council</b> autismcouncil.wisconsin.gov 608.267.3377</p>	<p>To advise DHS on strategies for implementing statewide supports and services for children with autism and directing the Department to assist the Council with administrative and support services</p>	<p>Children with Autism and their parents and families</p>	<p>Information and application at: <a href="#">Official Website for Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Governor’s Committee for People with Disabilities</a> gcpd.wisconsin.gov 608.266-9354</p>	<p>Advises Governor &amp; state agencies re: disability issues, review legislation, promote effective publicly administered services, increase public awareness, &amp; encourage involvement of people w/disabilities in government</p>	<p>All people with disabilities</p>	<p>Information and application at: <a href="#">Official Website for Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers</a></p>
<p><b>Governor’s Early Childhood Advisory Council</b> dcf.wisconsin.gov/ecac</p>	<p>To help ensure that all children and families in Wisconsin have access to quality early childhood programs and services</p>	<p>All children</p>	<p>Information and application at: <a href="#">Official Website for Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers</a></p>
<p><b>State Rehabilitation Council</b> dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/partners/wrc/</p>	<p>Review, analyze, &amp; advise WI Division of Vocational Rehab. regarding performance of its responsibilities in providing quality services to people w/disabilities</p>	<p>People with disabilities throughout Wisconsin</p>	<p>Information and application at: <a href="#">Official Website for Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Birth to 3 Interagency Coordinating Council</a> b3icc.state.wi.us/</p>	<p>To advise, review, analyze, and monitor the implementation of the State's early intervention (EI) system, maintain a forum for communication relative to early intervention and make recommendations to DHS regarding effective implementation of a EI system</p>	<p>Children who meet Birth to Three Program definition of eligibility and their families</p>	<p>Information and application at: <a href="#">b3icc.state.wi.us/members.htm</a> call 608.267.3270 or <a href="mailto:Deborah.rathermel@dhs.wisconsin.gov">Deborah.rathermel@dhs.wisconsin.gov</a></p>

### 3. Committees and Councils Established by Head of Body it Advises

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<p><b>Children’s Long Term Support Council</b></p> <p><a href="http://cltsCouncil.wisconsin.gov/">cltsCouncil.wisconsin.gov/</a></p>	<p>Secretary of the Department charged the Committee to develop options and recommendations on how services to children with long-term care needs should be designed and managed</p>	<p>Children, youth and their families and providers who support children and families</p>	<p>Contact <b>Deb Rathermel</b> at: <a href="mailto:Deborah.Rathermel@dhs.wisconsin.gov">Deborah.Rathermel@dhs.wisconsin.gov</a></p>
<p><a href="http://WisconsinLongTermCareAdvisoryCouncil.wcltc.state.wi.us">Wisconsin Long Term Care Advisory Council</a></p> <p>wcltc.state.wi.us</p>	<p>Council's mission is to advise DHS on statewide implementation of Family Care for elderly people and adults with disabilities. The Council replaces Council on Long-Term Care Reform, (2003-2007)</p>	<p>People with disabilities and elderly people throughout Wisconsin</p>	<p><a href="http://wcltc.wisconsin.gov/index.htm">wcltc.wisconsin.gov/index.htm</a></p>
<p><a href="http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/mch/index.htm">Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program Advisory Committee</a></p> <p>dhs.wisconsin.gov/mch/index.htm</p>	<p>Advises and makes recommendations to the Division of Public Health for a comprehensive Maternal and Child Health Program in Wisconsin</p>	<p>Women, children and families in Wisconsin and systems and programs that support this population</p>	<p>Contact the MCH program staff at DHS at: <b>608.266.8178</b> or <a href="mailto:DHSdphMCH@dhs.wisconsin.gov">DHSdphMCH@dhs.wisconsin.gov</a></p> <p>Contact Katrina Alber at <a href="mailto:Katrina.Alber@dhs.wisconsin.gov">Katrina.Alber@dhs.wisconsin.gov</a> or 608.266.3959</p>
<p><a href="http://WisconsinGeneticsAdvisoryCommittee">Wisconsin Genetics Advisory Committee</a></p>	<p>The Committee's purpose is to advise the Statewide Genetics Program and the Genetics Systems Integration (GSI) Hub, and to guide efforts to strengthen the genetics infrastructure in Wisconsin</p>	<p>All people who may use the WI genetics system in Wisconsin</p>	<p>Contact the Wisconsin Genetics program at: <a href="http://geneticsinwisconsin.wisc.edu/public-health/">geneticsinwisconsin.wisc.edu/public-health/</a></p> <p>608.265.5831</p>
<p><a href="http://children.wi.gov/Pages/Integrate/ParentandYouthPartners.aspx">WI Children's Mental Health Collective Impact Coalition</a></p> <p>children.wi.gov/Pages/Integrate/ParentandYouthPartners.aspx</p>	<p>Advises and provides input to the new Wisconsin Office of Children’s Mental Health</p>	<p>Children with mental health and behavioral health challenges and their families</p>	<p>Contact Andrea at: <a href="mailto:Andrea.Turtenwald@WI.gov">Andrea.Turtenwald@WI.gov</a> or <a href="http://children.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx">children.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx</a></p>