

Disability Resource Center for Children and Families (DRCCF)

THE NEED

56,000 children in Wisconsin have a disability that could result in a need for long-term services.

Families struggle daily to navigate complex systems of supports and services such as health care, long-term supports, education, community resources and Medicaid.

Lack of access to information and assistance can lead to lost jobs, lost opportunities for child development, lost income for families and missed opportunities for future employment and community participation.

With access to information, assistance and advocacy families and children are more likely to succeed.

KEY FEATURES

- Comprehensive Information and assistance
- Family navigators to assist families with navigating multiple systems,
- Advocacy and benefits counseling for appeals and denials of services,
- Family support to strengthen family capacity for self-determination,
- Seamless access to eligibility determination for disability supports and services.

ADMINISTRATION

DHS will administer a competitive contract to coordinate a statewide network of resource and benefits specialists to serve families in different regions of the state with at least two DRCCFs focused on serving culturally, ethnically, or underserved groups. The coordinating entity will:

- Coordinate marketing and outreach,
- Negotiate contracts for co-location
- Negotiate contracts for legal assistance and advocacy services,
- Hire and provide ongoing training to staff,
- Continuous quality improvement with stakeholders.

2021-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET

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	Yr1	Yr2	Total
GPR	\$ 677,632	\$ 2,307,380	\$ 2,985,012
FED	\$ 177,788	\$ 634,800	\$ 812,588
AF	\$ 855,420	\$ 2,942,180	\$ 3,797,599
Staffing: 15 service navigators, 5 ombudsmen, 5 child disability benefits specialists, 1 director, 2 state staff. Ratios: navigators/benefits counseling 1:2100 (ADRCs 1:1700); ombudsman 1:8400 (ADRCs 1:3960). ARPA funds can potentially be used to cover some YR 1 start-up costs and services.			