

State-Level Committees and Councils

focus on children, families, disabilities, and/or long-term support & have families as members

Name of Entity	Mission	Committee / Council makeup	How to Apply
Council on Birth Defects Prevention and Surveillance https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/cbdps/index.htm	The Council is charged with making recommendations to DHS regarding the Wisconsin Birth Defects Registry (WBDR)	A nurse, parent or guardian of child with a birth defect, health department officials, advocacy organizations.	Appointment by the Secretary of DHS For application information, contact Kaitlin.Tolliver@dhs.wisconsin.gov
Children's Community Options Program county-level advisory committees	Advise the county Children's Community Options Programs. More details are available at the county level	Parents and community members. Most members must be parents of children/youth with special healthcare needs.	Contact individual county health departments dhs.wisconsin.gov/clts/contact.htm
Children Come First Advisory Council DHS, Division of Care and Treatment Services	Supports the development of a comprehensive service system of coordinated care for children who are involved in 2 or more systems of care.	Parents of children in 2 or more systems of care, and other professionals	By appointment of the Chair. Contact current chair for information to apply dhs.wisconsin.gov/ccfac/index.htm
Independent Living Council of WI https://il-wis.net/ 608.206.1581	The Independent Living Council of Wisconsin is established to develop, monitor, and evaluate the State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL)	Family members and adults with disabilities and the elderly	Governor appointment: https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/gov/boardsandcommissions
IRIS Advisory Committee dhs.wisconsin.gov/iris/iac.htm	The IRIS Advisory Committee is a workgroup established to provide recommendations to Department of Health Services (DHS) program staff on programmatic issues related to administration of the IRIS program.	Advocates, consumers, providers, contractors	Contact the Division of Long-Term Care, Office of IRIS Management at 608.261.6749 DHSIRIS@dhs.wisconsin.gov

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State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/scaoda/index.htm	Advising state agencies on substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery activities; reviewing pending legislation, including state budget proposals; and developing plans to guide administration of the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Grant.	Government officials, members of the public	Governor appointment: https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/gov/ boardsandcommissions
Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities wi-bpdd.org 888.332.1677	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	People with developmental disabilities and family members, agencies, providers, partnering organization representatives	Governor appointment: https://wi-bpdd.org/index.php/become-a-board-member/
Wisconsin Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/dhhcouncil/index.htm	Provide advice and support to governmental bodies, private groups and individuals	People who are deaf, deaf- blind, hard of hearing	Governor appointment: https://evers.wi.gov/pages/application_pr ocess.aspx
Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) / DRW Board https://disabilityrightswi.org/ 800.928.8778	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	People sharing their commitment to challenging systems, diversity, dignity, and other inclusive values.	Application / Letter of Interest information https://disabilityrightswi.org/about- us/board-of-directors/

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Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council dcf.wisconsin.gov/mcps/partnership- council	Formulate policies, plans, evaluation, and funding priorities for operating and improving the child welfare system in Milwaukee County.	Families in Milwaukee County	Most members are appointed by the Governor and the Milw County Executive. Other members are State Representatives (elected).
Wisconsin Council on Mental Health https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/wcmh/index.htm	The council advises the Governor, legislature, and DHS on the allocation of mental health block grants & reviews mental health system's progress towards achieving improved client outcomes & the adequacy of mental health services in WI	Consumers, advocates, providers, and others who use the MH systems in WI. (50% or more of the council must be consumers & family members)	Governor appointment: https://evers.wi.gov/pages/application_proce ss.aspx
Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/index.htm	Develop & implement a state plan for services to people w/ PD, make recommendations on relevant legislation, promote public awareness & prevention.	individuals, organizations, professional associations, providers, and others	Application material available at: 608.716.9212 https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/join.htm
Wisconsin Council on Special Education_ https://dpi.wi.gov/sped/council	The council promotes the education of children with disabilities by providing broad-based input to the Department of Public Instruction.	Requires most members be IDEA eligible parents (ages 3-21) or persons with disabilities.	Members are appointed by the state superintendent. Nomination form: https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sped/pdf/council-nomination-form.pdf Submit completed form to: ellen.antoniewicz@dpi.wi.gov
State Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) dpi.wi.gov/pac	TBD	TBD	As of March 2023, this group is being reorganized and is not currently in operation. For an update on the status of the new group serving this purpose, contact: tamara.mouw@dpi.wi.gov

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Governor's Autism Council https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/autismcouncil/in dex.htm 608.266.0805	Empower caregivers, children, and youth to navigate the system of autism supports and services, and increase provider capacity to support neurodiverse children and youth.	Majority must be parents of children with autism and their families, plus providers, government officials, the general public	Information and application at: Official Website for Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers
Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/gcpd/index.htm 608.266-5364	Advises Governor & state agencies re: disability issues, review legislation, promote effective publicly administered services, increase public awareness, & encourage involvement of people w/disabilities in government	Focus is on members with experience relating to alcohol and other drug abuse, visual impairment, deaf, developmental disabilities, mental health, physical disabilities.	Information and application at: Official Website for Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers
Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/ecac	To help ensure that all children and families in Wisconsin have access to quality early childhood programs and services	Individuals with early childhood expertise, state agencies, advocates, foundations, providers.	Information and application at: Official Website for Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers
State Rehabilitation Council https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/partners/wrc/	to advise and assist the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) with the preparation of applications, the State Plan, the Strategic Plan, and amendments to the Plans, reports, needs assessments, and evaluations required by Title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973	Parents, family members, guardians, self-advocates, current and former DVR consumers	Information and application at: Official Website for Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers
Birth to 3 Interagency Coordinating Council https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/b3icc/index.htm	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 the EI system	Parents of children with developmental delays or disabilities, providers, a legislator, agency representatives	Information and application at: Official Website for Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers

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Children's Long Term Support Council https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/cltscouncil/index.htm	Providing recommendations to the Secretary regarding the needed infrastructures, accountability measures and mechanisms, financing systems, training programs, program design elements, efficiencies and statewide equity and consistency necessary to implement service delivery systems in communities.	Most members are parents of children with long term care needs, plus advocates, agency representatives, key department staff	Members are appointed by the Department of DHS Secretary. For application information, visit https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/cltscouncil/members .htm
Wisconsin Long Term Care Advisory Council https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/wltcac/index.htm	Council's mission is to advise DHS on long term care policies, programs, and services.	Members are advocates, consumers, experts, contractors, and providers	Application information: https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/c ms/public/message/ltc advisory councils
WI Office of Children's Mental Health – Collective Impact Council https://children.wi.gov/Pages/CollectiveImpactTea ms/CICouncil.aspx	To be aware of, and engaged with, children's mental health initiatives and activities across the state.	Members are lived experience leaders, state department representatives, mental health advocacy organizations, healthcare provider associations, healthcare systems, mental health professionals, mental health provider organizations, youth-serving organizations, educators, school mental health program representatives, and more.	To apply, contact: OCMH@wisconsin.gov