



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 337
[2009 Assembly Bill 883]

**Milwaukee Child Welfare
Partnership Council**

Under *current law*, the Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council (“Partnership Council”) is attached to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and is required to do all of the following:

- Formulate suggested policies and plans for the improvement of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and make recommendations with respect to those policies and plans to DCF and the Legislature.
- Formulate suggested measures for evaluating the effectiveness of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County, including outcome measures, and make recommendations with respect to those measures to DCF and the Legislature.
- Formulate suggested funding priorities for the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and make recommendations with respect to those funding priorities to DCF and the Legislature.
- Identify innovative public and private funding opportunities for the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and make recommendations with respect to those funding opportunities to DCF and the Legislature.

2009 Wisconsin Act 337 requires the Partnership Council to recommend policies and plans, instead of formulate suggested policies and plans, for the improvement of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County; measures for evaluating the effectiveness of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County; and funding priorities for the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and to submit those recommendations to DCF.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.

The Act also creates two new duties of the Partnership Council. Under the Act, the Partnership Council must:

- Hold at least one public hearing each year at which the Partnership Council must encourage public participation and solicit public input regarding the child welfare system in Milwaukee County.
- Annually, submit a report of its recommendations to DCF, which within 60 days after receiving the report must prepare a response to those recommendations and transmit the report, together with its response, to the Governor and to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature.

Effective date: Act 337 takes effect on May 27, 2010.

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