

**State-Level Wisconsin Councils, Boards, Committee or Organizations that Include Parents/Consumers
and focus on children, families, disabilities, and/or long term support.**
(Revised March 2010 by Family Voices of WI)

I. Those Established under Statutory (Federal and/or State) Authority:

Name of Entity	Mission or Purpose	Target Group	Origin or Authority	Membership Composition	Members with children under age 21/ person under 21:	Standing Committees	Regional or local presence	Products	Miscellaneous
Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (formerly called Council on Dev. Disabilities) www.wi-bpdd.org/ 888.332.1677 608.266.7826	Plan for & oversee the State's responses to the needs of people with DD, and to act as an advocate to insure the provision of adequate, appropriate & humane services.	All people, including children, with disabilities.	Federal Law: DD Assistance & Bill of Rights Act - Sections 101(b), 121, 124(c). State Statute: Chapter 51 -51.437 (14r)	Appointed by Governor to 4-yr. terms. Half are people w/DD or their parents, guardians or immediate relatives. Also, groups & agencies concerned w/ services to persons w/DD plus reps. from DWD, DHS, DPI, UW system, WCA.	26 members. Currently 5-6 with children under age of 21	1. Executive 2. Nominations & Membership 3. Governmental Affairs 4. County Plans & Budgets	DAWN: Grassroots Advocacy Network	\$600,000 to implement State plan. Children's issues include: B-3 pgm. funding, address problems of limited dental care access, increase state funds to local school districts for special ed., fully fund FSP, reform Medicaid PA process, Respite care expansion.	Has Executive Director and several other staff.
Family Support Program (FSP) "Policy Advisory" Committee http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/fsp/ 608.266.7469 (Julie Bryda)	Advise WI Department of Health Services on guidelines and rules that govern FSP	Children/families eligible for the FSP	State Statute: 46.985 (2) (a)	"County departments, providers of education pgms. & other services, reps of families."	No set number. Numerous members with children under age 21.	None	County FSP Advisory Committees. Parents must make up majority of membership of these.	FSP Guidelines & Procedures	Meets as a subcommittee of the Council on children with Long-Term Support Needs

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<p>Birth to Three Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)</p> <p>www.b3icc.state.wi.us/ 608.267.3270 (Carol Noddings Eichinger)</p>	<p>Advise & assist lead agency in development & implementation of policy, achieving full participation of all appropriate state public agencies, resolution of disputes, assignment of financial responsibility, & transition to Part B services.</p>	<p>Children that meet Birth – 3 definition of eligibility and their families</p>	<p>Federal Law: Idea Part C 303.600</p>	<p>Appointed by Governor & meets qtrly. Represents state pop. with several specific appointees. Suggests parent reps not be employed by any agency providing B-3 services. At least 20% are to be parents. See 303.601</p>	<p>16 members and currently two are parent representatives</p>	<p>None Use Work groups to address issues – ex. Medical Outreach and Quality Assurance.</p>	<p>Dept. of Health Services Asst. Area Administrator in 5 regions & contracted Resource staff & tribal contacts</p>	<p>Work group projects & annual report. Can conduct hearings & hold forums.</p>	<p>Seen by some as only council that relates exclusively to children w/disabilities. Language on membership states reps. must have sufficient authority to engage in policy development & implementation on behalf of their agency.</p>
<p>Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (MH)</p> <p>www.mhc.state.wi.us/ 608.267.3948 (Melanie Foxcroft)</p>	<p>Advises Governor, legislature, and DHS on allocation of mental health block grants & evaluates/reviews mental health system's progress towards achieving improved client outcomes & the adequacy of mental health services in the State.</p>	<p>Persons of all ages with mental illness</p>	<p>Federal Law: 102-321 State Statute: 15.197 (1)</p>	<p>Appointed by Governor and meets bi-monthly. At least 50% consumers &/or family members. More detailed language in 1914 (c)(1)</p>	<p>15 members and two currently are parents of children.</p>	<p>1. Public Awareness 2. Planning & Monitoring 3. Legislative & Policy 4. Strategic Planning Sub-Committees: 1. Children's Issues 2. Criminal Justice</p>	<p>No entities with a direct relationship</p>	<p>Paper – Building on a Strong Foundation.</p>	<p>Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on MH (1996-1997) created by executive order to parallel LTS Redesign initiative and focus on recommending model MH delivery system.</p>

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Wisconsin Council on Physical Disabilities www.pdcouncil.state.wi.us 608.267.9582	Develop & implement a state plan for services to people w/ PD, make recommendations on relevant legislation, promote public awareness & prevention.	People w/ PD as defined in state statute	State Statute: Act 202, 15.197 (4) and 46.29 Established in 1990	Appointed by Governor to 3 yr. terms & meets qtrly. Must have Governor's rep., at least 6 people w/PD, and 1 member must be service provider	14 members Currently 2 parent reps but do not know their child's age	1.Executive 2.Housing 3.Long-term Care 4.Transportation	None	Annual report to state legislature. Current issues: housing choices, accessibility, self-directed support, ER & disaster planning.	Council has budget to cover cost of meetings.
Independent Living Council of Wisconsin www.ilew.org 608.256.9257 or 866.656.4010	Collaborates with state vocational rehabilitation (VR) agency to develop, monitor, & review state independent living plan.	All disabilities, all ages	Federal Law: Section 705 of Rehab Act of 1973 and 1998 amendments	Appointed by Governor. Must include an ILC exec. & rep. from state VR agency (ex-official role). Within "other potential" members is listed: parents & guardians of people with disabilities. Majority of voting members must be individuals w/disabilities.	Youth representative	Executive	Independent Living Centers (8). ILCs hold public hearings & forums to obtain input for state plan	State plan (on web.) current issues: Visibility Employment Transportation Miller Park - accessibility	Has Executive Director and receives Federal operations money. Also has funding to distribute in grants.
WI Council on Special Education http://dpi.wi.gov/sped/council.html 608.267.9183	Advise DPI-DLSEA on matters related to education of all children w/ disabilities in WI by providing broad based input.	All children with an exceptional educational need (EEN).	Federal Law: IDEA of 1997 Sec. 612 (a)(21) State Statute: 15.377 (4)	Appointed by State (DPI) Superintendent. Majority of members shall be individuals w/disabilities or parents of children with disabilities.	17 members	None	LEAS	Annual report – on web	

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<p>State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse</p> <p>www.scaoda.state.wi.us/ 608.266.1351</p>	<p>Review pending legislation, develop comprehensive state plan for AODA programs, coordinate efforts & expenditures to prevent/control AODA, evaluate and analyze “select” AODA programs each biennium.</p>	<p>People (children & adults) with substance abuse</p>	<p>State Statute: WI Act 210 (enacted 4/6/94). 13.098 and 14.24</p>	<p>Governed by 14.017 (2) of WI statutes. 22 members with 16 specifically denoted. Plus 6 “public” members. No consumer or parent requirements.</p>	<p>22 members NA</p>	<p>1. Planning & Funding 2. Prevention 3. Intervention & Treatment 4. Diversity 5. Interdepartmental Coordinating</p>	<p>National Alcohol Screening Day in April</p>	<p>2006 – 2010 Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Coordinator, Planner & Assistant within DHFS</p>
<p>Wisconsin Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing</p> <p>www.dhncouncil.state.wi.us/ 608.266.5641 (DHS Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing)</p>	<p>Provide advice and support to governmental bodies, private groups & individuals.</p>	<p>People who are deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing.</p>	<p>State Statute: 15.197 (8)</p>	<p>Governor appointed. Represents diverse professional & volunteer organizations working w/population. Parent(s) of deaf/hard of hearing children. Must include 3 deaf, 3 hard of hearing, 1 deaf/blind & 2 at large.</p>	<p>9 members Parent of 2 deaf children at Wisconsin School for the Deaf</p>	<p>1. Communication 2. Education/ voc. 3. Executive Sub-Committees: 1. Legislative 2. Interpreter Statutes 3. Library 4. Mental Health – children and adults.</p>		<p>Annual report</p>	
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Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/bmcw/partnership/ 414.220.7700	Formulate policies, plans, evaluation, and funding priorities for operating and improving the child welfare system in Milwaukee County.	Children and families in Milwaukee County.	State Statute: WI Act 303 1995 46.023	Requirements 15.197(24)(a). No specific recipient member "slots." Several County Board & State Leg. Reps.	19 members	1.Executive 2.Adoption 3.Cross Systems 4. Intake, Initial Assessment & In-Home Services 5. Out of Home Care	None	NA	None
Disability Rights Wisconsin www.disabilityrightswi.org/ 608.267.0214 or 800.928.8778	Mission is that all people with disabilities and their families shall be empowered to exercise and enjoy the full extent of their rights and pursue the greatest quality of life.	People w/DD, serious mental illness, PD, & sensory disabilities; all ages.	Federal Law: DD Act P.L. 94-103 ('75) P&A for MI Individuals Amend Act 1991, P.L. 102-173 P&A of Indiv.Rights 1992, P.L. 102-569, State Stats 51.62(2)	Designated by Governor as State P&A. Majority must be persons w/ DD, PD or MI; or their family members. Reflect balance of age, sex, race, and geography of State's population.	Not less than 11 or more than 17 members. Several members with children under 21 yrs. of age	1. DD Advisory 2. Mental Health Advisory 3. PAIR Advisory 4. Nominating	Offices in Madison, Milwaukee, and Rice Lake	Numerous	Addresses school related issues, prevention of institutionalization and return to community, assistive technology, etc. Staff has leadership role in Quality Education Coalition
Medical Assistance Advisory Committee (This Committee no longer meets.)	Advises and assists in the development of general policy involved in the provision of medical services under T19 of SS Act.	MA recipients and/or families – elderly, disabled, children and low-income	Federal Law: 42 CFR 431.12 State Statute: 15.04 (1) (c)	Meets qtrly. Membership groups: physicians, health care providers or professional agencies, consumer advocates.	19 current members, includes parent of children with disabilities	Steering	NA	NA	Very large scope of issues and services to address.
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Children Come First Statewide Advisory Committee (This committee no longer meets.)	Support the development of a comprehensive system of coordinated care for children with severe disabilities and their families. It is statutorily responsible for monitoring develop. of Integrated Services Projects.	Children with severe disabilities and their families. Includes mental, physical, sensory, behavioral, emotional, & develop. disabilities.	State Statute: WI Act 31 46.56(14)	Long list of possible reps. Co. Depts., DPI, professional experts, family members, advocates, DVR, technical college, court officials, & health care providers.	Unknown	None. Create work groups around issues as needed.	Committees in 34 Counties with a Integrated Services Program	Expansion	Working on establishing a “Coordinated Services Executive Committee” composed of policy decision makers from key systems, i.e. DPI, DHS, Juvenile Justice, etc.
Council on Birth Defects Prevention and Surveillance www.cbdps.state.wi.us/ 608.267.2945 (Peggy Helm-Quest)	The Council is charged with making recommendations to DHFS (now DHS) regarding the Wisconsin Birth Defects Registry.		The Council was created by Wisconsin Statue 253.12. First meeting held Feb. 2001	Members of council are appointed to 4yr terms by the Secretary of DHS. Members provide a wide variety of expertise and represent a number of interested parties.		Sub-committees include: Data and Implementation, Scientific Advisory, and Service Linkages.			The Council meets 4 times per year in Madison, but teleconferencing is available to participate.
WI Quality Home Care Authority/ Commission www.wqhcc.org Patti Becker, pbecker@wqhcc.org 608.630.8402	The WQHCC Board of Directors is responsible for oversight of policies and practices of the WQHCC services.	All persons needing home care services.	2009 WI Act 28 (2009-2011 budget) created a WI Quality Home Care Authority	Members are appointed by the Governor & Dane County Executive and serve for 4 yr terms. Members must be consumers, advocates or providers of in home care.	None at this time .		A WI Quality Home Care Commission was established in 2007 in Dane County. A registry	Paid staff provide support to a registry of individuals interested in seeking or providing supports.	Funding for WQHCC is provided by the State as well as other funders.

II. Those Established by Executive Order of the Governor:

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<p>Autism Council</p> <p>http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/clts/autism/council/</p> <p>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>Established by the Governor in 2005.</p>	<p>Members appointed by the Governor.</p>	<p>A majority of the 13 council members must be parents of children with autism. Other members may include: providers of services to children with autism; local government officials; persons with knowledge of the issues relating to autism; and public members.</p>	<p>Council meets quarterly and meetings are open to the public.</p>		<p>Meeting minutes and other products available on council's website.</p>	<p>Priorities include: Exceptions Policies, Children's Functional Screen/Level of Care , Independent Evaluation & Assessments, Travel Guidelines, Services across Lifespan, Standard County Services, Education, etc.</p>
<p>Wisconsin Rehabilitation Council</p> <p>www.dwd.state.wi.us/dvr/wrc/</p> <p>608.224.5070 (Linda Vegoe)</p>	<p>Review, analyze, & advise WI Department of Vocational Rehab. regarding performance of its responsibilities in providing quality services to people w/disabilities.</p>	<p>People w/disabilities eligible for DVR services</p>	<p>Established in 1993 by Executive Order #196 of the Governor</p>	<p>51% must be individuals w/physical, cognitive, sensory, or mental disabilities. Families, guardians, advocates, or authorized reps. of people w/disabilities or applicants/recipients of DVR services.</p>	<p>22 members</p> <p>Have had parents as members in the past.</p>	<p>1.Executive 2. Evaluation & Consumer Satisfaction 3. Annual Report & State Plan</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Annual report</p> <p>Participate on work groups with DVR & other state agencies that impact VR consumers. Examples: Transition Initiatives, Pathways to Independence, W-2 Assess, Initiative, etc.</p>	<p>Current issue is transition age youth (16 yrs. plus). Address issues for students who meet 504 guidelines & supported employment funding for long term follow-up services.</p>
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<p>Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities (GCPD)</p> <p>http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/physical/gcpd.htm 608.261.7816</p>	<p>Advise Governor & state agencies re: disability issues, review legislation, promote effective publicly administered services, increase public awareness, & encourage involvement of people w/disabilities in government.</p>	<p>All disabilities – AODA, sensory impairment, develop disabilities, mental health and physical disabilities.</p>	<p>Established by Governor Executive Order</p>	<p>Meets qtrly. Appointed by Gov. with majority people with disabilities or parent – guardian. Reps. from Council on Blindness, Council for Deaf & H-of-H, DD, MH, & AODA</p>	<p>No more than 20 members, currently 16.</p>	<p>1.Executive Leadership Network (BLN) 2.Business Leadership Forum 3.Youth Leadership Forum</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Career leadership training program for high school Juniors and Seniors with disabilities (one week long). \$1,500 per student</p>	<p>Business Leadership Network in cooperation with Dept of Vocational Rehab. offers employers a pool of applicants with disabilities plus support info. and services.</p>
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III. Those Established by Head of Body it Advises:

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<p>Council on Children with Long Term Support Needs http://dhs.wi.gov/bdds/clts/council 608.261.6836 (Bureau of LTS, DHS)</p>	<p>Secretary of the Department (now Department of Health Services), 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>Families with children with long term support needs</p>	<p>Established in 9/97 by DHFS Secretary</p>	<p>No specific membership requirements or process for appointments. Currently, 31 community representatives and 17 govt. representatives</p> <p>Meets 4 times a year.</p>	<p>Currently, 20 members are parents of children with disabilities</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Paper - A Foundation for a System of Long Term Support for WI Children and Families – Phase I.</p> <p>Children’s Medicaid waiver and pilot county initiative.</p>	<p>Staff and resources from Waisman Center and DHFS/BDDS</p>
<p>Wisconsin Council on Long Term Care www.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>Primarily frail elders & adults w/DD or PD 18 years of age or older.</p>	<p>‘99 WI Act 9 sunset 7/01 & became advisory group to DHS on emerging issues in LTC</p>	<p>Appointed by DHS Secretary.</p> <p>Meets 6 time per year.</p>	<p>Increased from 15 to 17 members in 9/01 to included reps. from CLTS Redesign Comm. & MH/AODA managed care pilots.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Local LTC Councils established in Family Care counties under 46.282. Appointed by County Exec/Adm. or Co. Board. 17 members, 9 at least consumers or their family members.</p>	<p>Annual report to Secretary.</p>	
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Maternal and Child Health Program Advisory Committee http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/dph_bfch/MCH/608.266.8178	Advises and makes recommendations to the Division of Public Health for a comprehensive Maternal and Child Health Program in Wisconsin.	Children through age 21 and women of child bearing age	Serve at the discretion of administrator of the DHFS Div. of Public Health	Parents, local Health Depts., Children with Special Health Care Needs Centers, not-for-profit agencies, and Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council reps.	48 members 8 parents	None	5 CSHCN Regional Centers and local Health Departments	A specific issue is addressed each year and recommendations, policy statements or activities may be developed.	Three meetings and one symposium or event held each year.

IV. Ad Hoc Groups:

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Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners www. collaborating partners.com	Transform early childhood care & education. Develop a plan that permits every child & family in WI access to a blended, comprehensive delivery system for high quality early childhood care & education.	All children Birth to age 8	Ad Hoc Voluntary membership	At least 2 statewide meetings/ year 40 + Endorsing Partners 96 + Participating Partners 400 + Interested Others	Organizations belong more than individuals	Group functions as action team that oversees action plan	5 regional EC Networks plus strong CESA level of leadership	Action plan	Suggested that Governor establish Children's Council or Cabinet.
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V. Those Established as Private Non-Profit Organizations: (Not comprehensive)

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Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers wcilc.il-wisconsin.net 608.256.9257 or 866-656-4010	Promote the rights of people with disabilities to live independently and to be active participants in community life.	All disabilities, all ages	Optional structure supported by ILC dues	Dir. & Asst. Dir. of 8 ILCS – meets 2 days every other month	NA	None	Represents 8 independent living centers statewide.	NA	NA
Wisconsin Council on Children and Families www.wccf.org 608.284.0580	Promote well-being of children & families in WI by advocating for effective & efficient health, education, & human service delivery systems.	All children & families within WI	Non-profit, multi-issue child & family advocacy agency.	29 members from across the state	Unknown	None	Madison & Milwaukee locations	Educational conferences. Projects: W-2 Watch, Great Beginnings Juvenile Justice Pipeline, WI Budget Project.	
Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired www.wcblind.org 608.255.1166	Promote dignity & independence of people who are blind & visually impaired by providing services, advocating for legislation & educating the public.	Children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.	Private, non-profit organization.	Board of Directors. 19 volunteer delegates: 11 appointed by 5 organizations representing people who are blind, 8 elected at-large.	19 members	9	NA	Annual Report	Receives no state government funding .