

Building a Family-Directed System of Long-Term Supports for Children and Families: The Children's Council



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Children's Committee - Independent Advisory Group

- *Committee assured a dialogue between DHFS and families, advocates, counties and providers*
- *Unique commitment to parent voice in design, implementation and evaluation in design of systems*
- *Review what was working well with the current system and the issues that need to be addressed*
- *Recommended best options about how long-term care services for children should be designed and managed.*

Children's Committee –Phase I Recommends Redesign

System needs redesign to accomplish these goals:

- *increase local decision making,*
- *reduce fragmented funding,*
- *assure consistent eligibility,*
- *assure consistent services and supports,*
- *address service gaps,*
- *eliminate waiting lists.*

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Vision

*Children with disabilities
and their families will pursue their unique
hopes and dreams with assistance that:*

- ✧ *Is family designed and directed*
- ✧ *Is individualized and seamless*
- ✧ *Lasts as long as needed*
- ✧ *Involves a variety of community partners*

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Access - Desired Outcomes

- *Families have easy access to a knowledgeable person*
- *Families receive complete and accurate information*
- *Services are easily accessible*
- *All eligible children and families get the supports and services they need*
- *Services and supports are timely*
- *Coordinated and consistent statewide*

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Choices - Desired Outcomes

- *Families design and direct the assistance they want*
- *Families have an appropriate array of services from which to choose*
- *Universal, prevention oriented care is available*
- *Providers are responsive to individual family's culture, strengths and needs*
- *Staff reflect the population served*
- *Parents have access to other parents*

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Coordination - Desired Outcomes

- *Service system is seamless from family's perspective*
- *Families, service providers and communities work as partners*
- *Communities recognize and share responsibility for supporting children with disabilities*
- *Working relationships are respectful and trusting*

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Quality - Desired Outcomes

- *Standards for services are developed, implemented and used for monitoring*
- *Ongoing evaluation and technical assistance are provided to improve or maintain quality services and supports*
- *Determination of quality includes the family's perspective and goals for supports*

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Financing - Desired Outcomes

- *Funding is sufficient and flexible*
- *Policies acknowledge the costs that families raising children with disabilities have*
- *Prevent cost shifting between systems*
- *Funding follows the child and family*
- *Pool various public funding streams*

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Accomplishments to Date.....

- *Broad Consensus*
- *DDES Staff*
- *CSHCN Regional Centers*
- *Coordination with Medicaid-dialog*
- *County Interest-pilots fall 2005*
- *Functional Screen-statewide July 2005*
- *Children's Waivers-approved November 2003*
- *Children's Council-appointed spring 2005*
- *Budget Initiatives 03-05; 05-07*
 - 03-05 budget=1200 state-matched slots for children with autism; 05-07=250*
 - 03-05 budget=90 state-matched slots available for all disabilities; 05-07=50*

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Current Direction for CLTS

- *Secretary Nelson affirms commitment to advancing reform for CLTS*
- *Medicaid tools*
 - *Greater flexibility*
 - *Cost savings to serve more children*
 - *Choice and control*
- *Managed care*
- *Robust information and assistance infrastructure*
- *Quality Assurance/Improvement-CLTS survey Fall2006*

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Where Do In Get More Information?

- *Wisconsin Council on Children's Long-Term Support*
<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/bdds/clts/council/index.htm#contact>
- *Wisconsin Council on Long-Term Care Reform* *<http://www.wcltc.state.wi.us/>*
- *Children's Waivers For more information:*
<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/bdds/>

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How Do I Get Involved?

- *Join an Advisory Committee in a CLTS pilot County (Brown, Fond du Lac, LaCrosse, Milwaukee, Richland and Wood Counties)*
- *Join the Family Support Advisory Committee in your county*
- *Ask to participate in the Managed Care Consortium planning in your region.
(<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/managedltc/stakeholders/index.htm>)*