

To: DCF/DMCPS Administrator
DCF Area Administrators
Child Placing Agency Directors
Child Welfare Agency Directors
County Departments of Community Programs Directors
County Departments of Human Services Directors
County Departments of Social Services Directors
Group Home Providers
Tribal Social Service/Indian Child Welfare Directors
Private Child Placing Agencies
Residential Care Center Providers
Shelter Care Providers
Tribal Chairpersons

From: Fredi-Ellen Bove 
Administrator

Re: **Independent Living Program Updates**

PURPOSE

This memo provides the following information regarding the state's Independent Living (IL) program:

- a link to the request for proposal for the creation and management of a regionalized Independent Living program in Regions 3 and 4;
- contact information for the state's Independent Living Coordinator;
- a link to the new Independent Living page on the DCF website; and
- information regarding how to submit the DCF Scholarship.

BACKGROUND

In 2016, several changes occurred with the state's Independent Living Program. In January, the first regional agencies began serving young adults ages 18-21 in Regions 2 and 6, and the request for proposal was issued for Regions 1, 5 and 7 that spring; attached is a map showing the Independent Living regions. In addition, the DCF website underwent revisions to streamline information and be more compatible with mobile devices. Finally, a new Independent Living Coordinator was recently hired and the website is now complete; therefore, communication is being sent to ensure everyone has the most current information.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

The request for proposal for Independent Living programs in Regions 3 and 4 can be found at <https://vendornet.wi.gov/Bid.aspx?Id=469ff28f-fd25-e711-80f9-c651048834ab>. **Proposals are due no later than 2:00pm June 14, 2017.**

The new Independent Living Coordinator is Kelsey Hill. Kelsey holds a Master's degree in Public Affairs from the La Follette School at the University of Wisconsin and was previously a PPA-Advanced for the Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC), in the Department of Corrections. She has a deep understanding of policy/procedure development as it relates to youth programming and a passion for working with and on behalf of youth. Kelsey can be reached at (608) 422-6990 or DCFILCoordinator@wisconsin.gov.

The DCF website has been updated and the Independent Living page <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/il>) is now available. The page contains information related to IL eligibility and resources, along with contact information for the local child welfare IL Coordinators (<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/map/il>) and transition resource agency coordinator contact information (<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/map/il-r>). Please check back regularly, as new resources will be added.

Finally, a general email box to receive IL questions has been created: DCFILCoordinator@wisconsin.gov. There were also revisions made to the DCF Scholarship form, and an email box for submitting DCF Scholarships (balance of state) was created: DCFScholarship@wisconsin.gov. Contact information for submitting the DCF Scholarship Application for youth served by the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services is noted on the form, which can be found by going to the forms section of the DCF website (<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/forms>) and entering either form number DCF-F-CFS2179 or "DCF Scholarship" into the search box towards the middle of the page.

CENTRAL OFFICE CONTACT: Youth Services Section Manager
(608) 422-6993

Independent Living Coordinator
(608) 422-6990
Fax: (608) 266-0260
DCFILCoordinator@wisconsin.gov

MEMO WEB SITE: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/policy>

ATTACHMENTS: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/cwportal/il/pdf/il-regionsmap.pdf>