

## Implementation & Budget Details

### 2022 ECAC Recommendation to Governor Evers

**Recommendation Name:**

Investing in the Health and Well-Being of Families

**Recommendation:**

We recommend investing in a package of supports that includes greater access to early mental health supports for children and coaching for caregivers, as well as funding to expand Family Foundations Home Visiting programs that provide critical parent and family resources. We also recommend extending Medicaid coverage for postpartum care from the current 90-day policy to twelve months after birth.

**Implementation Details:**

The package of supports includes three main initiatives:

- **Funding for children’s mental health training and coaching:** Funding for young children’s mental health and well-being through social and emotional development training and coaching would increase the use of the Wisconsin Pyramid Model. The Wisconsin Pyramid Model is a framework for implementing a culturally responsive and equitable multileveled system of supports designed to enhance social and emotional competence of young children, promote the development of program policies and practices, and provide early care and education with practice-based coaching to ensure that evidence-based practices are integrated and used with fidelity. Current federal investment of funds are set to expire in June without state investment.
- **Funding to expand Family Foundations Home Visiting:** Funding to expand Family Foundations Home Visiting would expand the reach of critical parent and family resources such as prenatal care, postpartum care, and health services to additional counties and tribes.
- **Recommendation to extend Medicaid coverage through policy and eligibility changes:** This recommendation would ensure families who utilize Medicaid for postpartum services have extended coverage beyond the current 90-day policy, providing greater stability of care for up to 12-months after birth.

**Financial Commitment:**

We recommend that the Governor include an additional \$18,790,000 in state General Purpose Revenue (GPR) to support the investment in the health and well-being of families in his 2023-2025 state budget proposal. Currently, American Rescue Plan Act funding will cover children’s mental health consultation through June 30, 2024, the end of state fiscal year 2024. Details are outlined below.

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Funding for children’s mental health training and coaching	\$8,790,000 for SFY 24-25 only *ARPA funded through June 2024
Funding to expand Family Foundations Home Visiting	\$10,000,000 total for SFY 23-24 and 24-25
Recommendation to extend Medicaid Coverage	N/A
<b>Total Recommendation for biennial budget</b>	<b>\$18,790,000</b>