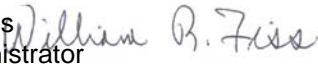


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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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TO: Area Administrators/ Human Services Area Coordinators  
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FROM: William R. Fiss   
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RE: Funding Situation and Extension of County Plans for Promoting Safe and Stable Families and Title IV-E Incentive Programs

This memo is to inform counties of the funding situation and extension of county plans for the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) and Title IV-E Incentive programs. Counties are currently in the last year of a three-year plan period covering calendar years (CYs) 2005-2007. Counties will be officially notified of their CY 2008 allocations for the PSSF and Incentive programs in the annual allocation memo that will be issued by DCFS.

Counties will receive the same PSSF allocations for CY 2008 as they received for CY 2007. The federal funding for the PSSF program is stable and DCFS anticipates receiving sufficient federal funds to maintain the county PSSF allocations at their current level.

Counties will also receive the same amount of Incentive funds for CY 2008 as they received in CY 2007. The Incentive program is funded by Title IV-E revenue, with the amount of revenue determined in the annual Income Augmentation plan submitted by the Department to the Legislature. The Incentive program account currently has a \$10 million balance, sufficient to fund the current \$9.83 million allocation level for CY 2008. Due to changes in federal IV-E policy, the amount of IV-E revenue earned by Wisconsin has decreased, making further additions of IV-E revenue to the Incentive program account uncertain. While DCFS will seek other funding on a one-time basis to maintain the Incentive program for CY 2009 and explore options for continued funding of the program, counties are advised that CY 2008 could be the last year of funding allocations at the current level.

This memo provides notice for extension of the PSSF and Incentive program plans for CYs 2005-2007 through CY 2008. Typically, the next three-year plan would have been due in October 2007, per DCFS Memo Series 2004-22. Given the uncertainty over the Incentive program funding, the current plans will be extended and the next plan will be due in October 2008 for the period of CYs 2009-2011. Annual PSSF and Incentive program reports and Brighter Futures plans for participating counties will remain on the current schedule.

As in prior years, if your agency would like to modify how PSSF/Incentive funds are used, an amendment to the current plan or revised budget is needed. For questions, please contact Kathy Thomas by telephone at (608) 267-7181 or by e-mail at [thomaka@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:thomaka@dhfs.state.wi.us).

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