

Comprehensive Home Visitation Programs for Families with Young Children: Resource Guide

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State of Wisconsin Guidelines for POCAN Home Visitation Critical Elements	1997 WI Act 293 authorized home visitation programs for first-time parents with a child on Medicaid up to 3 years of age using case management and incorporating practice standards.	This document describes 12 critical elements that have been adopted for use by the programs funded as part of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (POCAN) Comprehensive Home Visiting Program. The critical elements were selected based on research that links the elements to successful program outcomes including: support for parents, promotion of positive family and child outcomes, and reduction of child abuse and neglect. Some elements are described and linked specifically to POCAN-program practices, policies and procedures.	Ann Altman Stueck DHFS/DPH (608) 266-3504 STUECAC@dhfs.state.wi.us
Home Visitor Developmental Assessment Scale (HVDAS)	Developed in Wisconsin with input from home visitors on the assumption that home visitors possess a set of skills and abilities that are unique to their field.	The HVDAS describes skills and abilities that are best practice for home visiting programs. They are developmentally and behaviorally defined and categorized into areas of communication, problem solving, and self. The HVDAS can be used to help guide selection and hiring of home visitors who possess qualities needed to be successful.	Ann Keim UW-Extension (608) 262-2453 akeim@facstaff.wisc.edu The current version is posted online at: http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/homevisit/hvdas.pdf

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<p>Healthy Families America Site Development Guide</p>	<p>Comprehensive guide developed specifically for programs interested in planning and implementing a home visiting program using the Healthy Families America Model. The Healthy Families American model for home visitation uses 12 research-based critical elements to guide program services. Programs can apply to become credentialled as a Healthy Families America program.</p>	<p>Manual is copyrighted yet gives permission for reprints with acknowledgement. There are costs for programs and staff to be trained, certified and recertified as Healthy Families programs.</p> <p>Latest update to the guide: 2000</p> <p>Manual is available for \$25.</p>	<p>Prevent Child Abuse America 200 S Michigan Ave 17th Floor Chicago, IL 60604</p> <p>Contact: Phyllis Medrano, (312) 663-3520, ext 115</p> <p>http://healthyfamiliesamerica.org</p>
<p>Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program Planning and Implementation Guide</p>	<p>PAT began as a pilot project in Missouri in 1981 with a goal to reduce the number of children entering school in need of special help. Serves children and their parents prenatal to age 3 at various developmental stages. Parent Educators trained in the PAT model work with parents to influence child's education and learning through home visiting, group meetings, developmental screenings, and linking to community resources.</p>	<p>Manual is copyrighted and available after completion of the PAT "Born to Learn" Institute. Accompanying videos and curriculum are available in English and Spanish. Parent Handouts are available in two reading levels and Spanish. Program has strong emphasis on child development and is strength-based. Case management focus depends on sponsoring agency. Curricula is adaptable to Head Start, literacy, social service and child care programs.</p> <p>Latest update to the guide: 2002</p>	<p>Parents as Teachers National Center St Louis, Missouri (314) 432-4330</p> <p>http://www.patnc.org</p> <p>In Wisconsin contact: Pence Revington Parents Plus WI (608) 437-6188</p>

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Home Visitation Program Essentials: Program Models

Program	Description (Target Population, Goals, Staffing)	Specific Features	Costs/ Credentialling	Research Conducted	Ordering and Contact Information	Wisconsin Programs Using Program/ Curriculum
Healthy Families of America	Launched in 1992 by the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse as voluntary, high-quality home visitation services to support new parents using paraprofessionals. Goals are to promote positive parenting; to encourage child health and development; and to prevent child abuse and neglect.	Supports families at greater risk beginning with weekly visits. Programs contact most families at their child's birth at local hospitals. Services are provided by skilled, trained home visitors. The effort is defined by 12 critical elements based on two decades of research.	See website for current costs. As of Jan 2002, costs for primary training were of \$3,300 per trainer, travel and hotel expenses for five-day training; and a materials fee of \$45 per participant, plus shipping and handling. Programs can apply for affiliate status prior to becoming credentialled.	Yes	Prevent Child Abuse America 200 S Michigan Ave 17 th Floor Chicago, IL 60604 (312) 663-3520 Contact: Phyllis Medrano, ext 115 http://healthyfamiliesamerica.org	Waukesha County Manitowoc County Ashland-Bayfield Counties La Crosse Waupaca County Portage County/Stevens Point Eau Claire County Walworth County Kenosha County
Parents as Teachers	The goal of the PAT program is to reduce the number of children entering school in need of special help. PAT programs serve children and their parents prenatal to age 5 at various developmental stages.	The program partners with parents to influence the child's education and learning. Strength based, developmental curriculum	\$800 to participate in training.	Yes	Parents as Teachers National Center. St. Louis, MO (314) 432-4330 http://www.patnc.org	Currently 37 sites in Wisconsin. Wisconsin Contact: Pence Revington of Parents Plus of WI (608) 437-6188

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Home Visitation: The Basics	Three day “basic skills” for home visitors.	The training is based on nationally recognized key components of quality home visiting programs. “The Basics” was developed by Ann Keim, University of Wisconsin-Extension. It includes Day 1: Working with Families from a Family Development Approach; Day 2: Communicating with Skill and Heart; and Day 3: Putting it all together: Approach, Skills, and Practice, and Parent/Child interaction. “The Basics” was developed in 1998-1999 specifically for POCAN project sites.	Cost of the training covers facility, speaker, and materials. No cost to POCAN sites.	Some preliminary impact on practice available	Ann Keim, UW-Extension (608) 262-2453 akeim@facstaff.wisc.edu	Brown County Door County Fond du Lac County Manitowoc County Marathon County Portage County Vernon County Waupaca County Waukesha County and Lac Courte Oreille Tribe And others...

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Empowerment Skills for Family Workers	Developed as a comprehensive curriculum for NY for Family Development Credentialling.	Provides theoretical and concrete suggestions for working with families. Is strength based and goes beyond home visiting. A great deal of training materials that takes time to accomplish.	Is intended to be a credentialling program for use in the state of New York.	Yes	Cornell Media and Technology 7 Business and Technology Park Ithaca NY 14850 607-255-2080 http://www.human.cornell.edu/hd/fdc/form.pdf	Training using this curricula is available through Racine County Extension. Contact: Bev Baker 262-886-8460 bevb@rracineco.com or Janet Payne 262-638-6510 jpayne@racineco.com for information
Keys To Caregiving	Program to teach professionals and para-professionals about newborn infant behavior, its effect on caregiver-infant interaction and ways to effectively translate this knowledge to parents.	Program uses videotapes, a training manual, and handouts to teach home visitors (and others working with parents of infants) about infant behavior. Training can be done individually or in a group setting. Parent handouts are available. The tapes and training can be “dry” and may appear to be focused on nurses and the hospital setting. Best if modified for use with home visitors. A training for home visitors has been developed by Kari Morgan, UW-Extension.	\$620 +s/h	Yes	NCAST Publications 206-543-8528 http://www.ncast.org For information on Keys to Caregiving training adapted for home visitors contact Kari Morgan (608) 262-9962 or kmmorgan@facstaff.wisc.edu	All POCAN sites have been exposed to components of the program.

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Great Kids Inc. (formerly the Family Institute and Hawaii Healthy Start)	Core training curricula for home visiting programs.	<p>The training uses a “strength-based, solution focused perspective”. There are 2, 5 day core trainings offered: Core Parent Survey/Family Assessment Training and Core Home Visitor/Family Support Worker Training. Additional trainings for supervisors are available.</p> <p>Credentiailling is not available.</p>	Costs as of Jan. 2002: Training is limited to 12-15 participants depending on which core training is being offered. Cost are \$3700 for 5 day training and \$35/\$65 per participant. Plus, travel and hotel costs.	No, although research on Hawaii Healthy Start, which was the program that “started” GKI has been conducted.	Great Kids, Inc (800) 906-5581 http://www.greatkidsinc.org	Healthy Families-Manitowoc Lac Courte Oreille Tribe
Outcome/ Evaluation Training	Training on outcome measurement and use of the logic model in home visitation programs.	As part of the Early Years Home Visitation Outcomes Project of WI, training on the use of outcome measurement and the use of the logic model for evaluation will be offered. Training will focus on integrating and measuring the key outcomes identified by the The Early Years Home Visitation Outcomes Project of WI for home visitation programs.	To be determined	Training is based on the United Way of America's Task Force on Impact findings and related training document, Measuring Program Outcomes: A Practical Approach.	Audrey Laszewski Planning and Evaluation Associates 920/405-6747 laszew@gbonline.com	

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Curricula	Description (Target Population, Goals, Staffing)	Specific Features	Costs	Research Conducted	Ordering and Contact Information	Wisconsin Programs Using Program/ Curriculum
How to read your baby/Partners in Parenting Education (PIPE)	Parenting curricula designed to use with high-risk parents and their children. Curricula focuses on supporting and strengthening the emotional relationship between parents and children.	Curricula is designed to help home visitors work with parents to support the emotional development of young children and the attachment relationship. Provides useful tools and activities for home visitors to use with parents.	\$400 +s/h	Yes. This curriculum was used as part of the Home visitation 2000 program.	303/377-4584	Portage County Healthy Families uses components of the PIPE curricula.
San Angelo Curricula	Series of handouts to be given to parents at each home visit based on the development of their child. Handouts address range of child development-related topics. For 0-2.5 years.	Handouts are simple and easy to read. Address a good range of topics. Easy to reproduce and use.	\$350 includes right to reproduce	Unknown	Healthy Families San Angelo 915/658-2771 http://home1.gte.net/hfsa/curriculum.htm hfsa@gte.net	Many of the current POCAN sites use this curricula or have used it in the past.

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Nurturing Program— “Parents and Their Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers”	48-session curricula for use in the home. Curricula focuses on nurturing the parent-infant relationship.	Program helps parents learn about recognizing and understanding feelings, infant and child massage, nurturing parenting routines, positive discipline strategies, child development and related topics	Implementation manual \$30, Activities manual \$45, Parent handbook \$13.50 Nurturing Book for Babies and Children \$13.50 (each family should receive one each of the last two items)	Yes	www.familydev.com 1-800-688-5822 Family Development Resources 3160 Pinebrook Rd Park City, UT 84098	A list of Nurturing Program Consultants in Wisconsin can be found on their website.
Partners for a Healthy Baby	Curricula designed for intensive home visitation programs. Curricula include guidelines for home visitors, as well as beautiful, one page, colorful handouts for home visitors to leave with families. Curricula are available for prenatal visits, 0-6 months, and 7-12 months	Curricula include manual for home visitors that covers a range of useful topics for incorporating the materials in a home visits. Would provide a good “backbone” for home visiting programs or as a supplement for other materials used by home visitors.	Curricula and 15 sets of handouts \$150. Extra sets of handouts = \$50 for 25 sets	Not known	850-922-1300 Florida State University Center for Prevention and Early Intervention policy. http://www.cpeip.fsu.edu	Not known
Building Strong Families	Parenting program designed specifically for low-income, low-literacy parents of young children.	Program uses small flipcharts, videos and handouts to provide parents with information about their children’s development, behavior, activities that enhance parent-child interactions, and goal setting for the parents. Curricula is strength based. Materials can be used in home visiting or group settings.	Relatively low-cost.	Yes	Building Strong Families Michigan State Extension 517-353-9102 http://www.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/family/bsfone.html	Not known

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Parenting the First Year (Also: Parenting the second and third Years)	Series of newsletters with research-based advice for parents based on the developmental ages of their children	Newsletter available on a monthly basis for the first year. Second and Third year newsletters are bi-monthly.	Contact your local extension office for information. Copies may be available free of charge. Otherwise, cost for a set of newsletters is: \$7.50 for the first year series, \$7.50 for the second/third year series.	Yes	Contact your local county extension office. Or, Extension Publications at: 877-947-7827. Online: http://www1.uwex.edu/ces/pubs	
Bright Futures	Information and resources designed to help support the health education and supervision of children ages 0-21 years	Materials available include: a reference guide to the health supervision of children using the Bright Futures approach as well as specific guidelines in four areas: mental health, physical activity, oral health and nutrition. Materials for use with families are also available.	Prices for individual guidelines and other materials vary.	Unknown. Bright Futures is funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services.	Bright Futures Project NCEMCH 2000 15th Street, North, Suite 701 Arlington, VA 22201-2617 Phone: (703) 524-7802 http://www.brightfutures.org	
Growing Great Kids®	Curricula designed to help home visitors support and nurture the parent-infant relationship by providing parents with information to increase their knowledge of child development, and skills to strengthen their relationship with their child.	Curricula includes 6 modules that are presented to the parent every three months. The modules are: basic care, social and emotional, cues and communication, physical and brain development, play and stimulation, and Parent's Corner. Curricula is prenatal to three.	Cost of a seven-day training package for supervisor certification is \$2,750 plus travel and hotel expenses. The cost of program materials is \$390 per worker	Not known	Great Kids, Inc San Angelo (800) 906-5581 http://www.greatkidsinc.org/home.html	Manitowoc Co Healthy Families

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“Growing a Family”	Curriculum designed to support the needs of programs working with pregnant and postpartum women.	Curriculum includes 8 journals for mother to complete, A guide to pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum period for the home visor to use, a set of activity sheets to use during home visits with the mother, and a set of master forms. The curricula is designed to help support the development of an attachment relationship between parent and infant prenatally.	\$300 for complete curricula including 8 journals and set of master forms.	No	Joanna Parker The Village Consulting 1118 Ellen Ave Madison, WI 53716 Jparker@thevillageconsulting.com http://thevillageconsulting.com 608/213-6636	
Seeing is Believing	Videotape based activity is used to support and enhance the parent-child relationship.	This guide teaches home visitors how to use videotaping to guide the parent to recognize the unique characteristics of the baby and enhance the parent’s ability to read the baby’s cues and signals and meet its needs. Training kit includes a manual and videotape.	\$65	This activity is part of a well-researched longitudinal research program.	Harris Center Inst. For Child Development U of Minnesota 612-624-4510 http://www.harriscenter.org	Used by Minnesota Department of Public Health as part of their home visitation programs. Training in use of Seeing is Believing has been offered to POCAN sites through UW-Extension. For information on additional training opportunities, contact Bonnie Hutchins 608-265-9101 bonnie.hutchins@ces.uwex.edu

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<p>STEEP™ program (Steps Toward Effective, Enjoyable Parenting)</p>	<p>The STEEP Program works with parents and their infants both individually via home visits and through parent groups. While building relationships with their babies, their facilitator and other parents, parents learn about a variety topics, including sensitive and responsive parenting, community living skills, and balancing parenting and other life demands.</p>	<p>Parents and their babies participate in the program for 1-2 years. Facilitators use videotaping as one of the special techniques to encourage parental sensitivity. The STEEP manual offers a firm grounding in attachment theory and its applications and clear directions about how to build relationships with hard-to-reach parents, run STEEP groups and make home visits.</p>	<p>\$85 for manual</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>http://www.harriscenter.org Harris Center 51 East River Road Minneapolis, MN 55455-0345 Tel: 612-624-4510</p>	<p>Not currently</p>

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Curricula	Description (Target Population, Goals, Staffing)	Specific Features	Costs	Research Conducted	Ordering and Contact Information	Wisconsin Programs Using Program/ Curriculum
MELD (formerly Minnesota Early Learning Design)	MELD publishes materials on a range of topics relevant to home visitors. They specialize in materials for low-literacy audiences.	Wide range of publications, programs, and trainings are available from MELD. In most cases, handouts are available in both Spanish and English, and are written with a low-literacy audience in mind. Handouts and other resources are low-cost	Varies		1-612-332-7563 http://www.meld.org	Manitowoc Co- Healthy Families Portage Co Healthy Families and others
Child Development Media	Videotapes and training materials	Extensive collection of videotapes and training resources on a wide range of topics. Catalog includes a detailed description of each tape. Be sure to ask about date	Varies. 30 day trial available.		http://www.childdevelopmentmedia.com/ 1-818-994-0933	
Questions for Kids	A series of 8 handouts that address some questions parents may be asking about child development.	Developed by staff at the Harris Center, University of Minnesota. Handouts are available in English, Spanish and Hmong. Literacy level is higher-level.	Downloadable off the web. Can be reproduced with no copyright restrictions	No. But, handouts are based on current child development research	www.harristrainingcenter.org/	

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BabyCare Workshop Videos	Videos for use with parents	9 videos on subjects related to baby care. Appropriate for all audiences. Teachers guides and handouts also available. Videos available in Spanish	Set of 9 videos is \$621. Individual prices range from \$69-99. Free previews are available.		Snowden Media 1-800-729-8323	
Zero To Three	Resources for use with parents and for staff training professional development	A range of videos, handouts, and other materials for use with a range of audiences.	Varies		www.zerotothree.org/ 1-800-899-4301	
Injoy Videos	Videos for use with parents	Videos for use with audiences age 13-adult. Range of topics from prenatal care, pregnancy, labor and delivery, breastfeeding, babycare and parenting. Some videos are available in Spanish.	Varies. 30 day trial on all videos.		www.injoyvideos.com 1-800-447-2082	
Learning Seed	Educational resources	Child development and parenting videos. Some videos available in Spanish.	Varies. 30 day free trial on all materials.		1-800-998-0854 www.learningseed.com	
Morning Glory Press	Resources for pregnant and parenting teens	Books, videos, and curricula specifically designed for teens	Varies	Not known	1-888-612-8254 www.morningglorypress.com	
ETR Publishing	Health-related resources	Pamphlets, books, flip charts, curricula and videos on a wide range of health-related topics.	Varies		1-800-321-4407 http://www.etr.org/	

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NoodleSoup (formerly Learning Curve)	Educational Materials and related “Fun” items	Parenting fliers, handouts, booklets, videos on maternal and child health related topics (labor and delivery, pregnancy, baby care, breastfeeding etc.). Other materials include t-shirts, stickers, notecards, handbags etc.	Varies		www.noodlesoup.com 1-800-795-9295	

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Assessment and Evaluation Tools

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HOME Inventory	The HOME Inventory is designed to assess the quality of the home environment of a child. Data can be used for evaluation as well as for planning with the family.	45 item questionnaire/interview format. Looks at concrete aspects of the home environmental and interactions that occur in the home. Must be trained to be reliable in interview familiarity, technique and reliability. The HOME is available for use with children 0-3, preschool, and school age.	Valid and reliable	Lorraine Coulson (501) 565-7627 e-mail: lrcoulson@uarl.edu
NCAST	Child health assessment focusing on the child, parent and environment and, in particular, the parent-child interaction during feeding and teaching.	Tools that assess interactions between the parent and child during feeding and teaching tasks. Feeding scale is only applicable with children up to 12 months of age. Teaching scale is used with children up to 36 months of age. Can be used to assess the parent-child interaction, identify potential neglect and abuse cases, and children at risk for developmental delays. Guidelines are provided for use in the legal system. Training is required by a qualified instructor and participants must become certified to use the assessment tools.	Valid and reliable.	University of Washington School of Nursing PO Box 357920 Seattle, WA 98195-7920 (206)543-8528 http://www.ncast.org

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Denver Developmental Screening Text (Denver II)	Tool for developmental screening	Assessment administered by a trained professional or paraprofessional. A series of developmental tasks are administered and observed to determine the child's developmental level. Results can help to identify children at risk for developmental delay. Training to administer the Denver II can be accomplished via self study using manuals and videotapes or from Mary Jo Tittl, Family Resource Center of Sheyboygan. Training in the correct administration of items is essential for accurate scoring.	Valid and Reliable.	For Denver II materials, including training materials contact: DDM, Inc. 1-800-419-4729 Complete set of materials including training materials: \$554 For training in Wisconsin, contact Mary Jo Tittl, 920-892-6706
Ages & Stages	Tool for developmental screening	Parent-report developmental screening questionnaire. Easy to use for parents and home visitors. Provides an initial level of developmental screening. First developmental screening is available at age 4 months	Valid and reliable	Brookes Publishing 1-800-638-3775 www.brookespublishing.com \$190 + \$44 for optional videotape
Infant-Toddler and Family Instrument (ITFI)	Tool to use help evaluate the strengths and vulnerabilities of children from 6 months to 3 years, and their families, and leads directly to a plan of needed action.	The ITFI Instrument and Manual provides guidelines for questioning caregivers about their child's characteristics, daily activities, health, development, and family life in understandable language that feels natural and comfortable. It includes an interview component consisting of 35 questions, a child development component in domains of gross and fine motor, social and emotional, language, and coping and self-help, and checklists to rate concerns about the family and child.	Research to establish reliability and validity has not been conducted.	Book by Nancy H Apfel and Sally Provence available from: Brookes Publishing 1-800-638-3775 www.brookespublishing.com Package set: manual and instrument \$45.00

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Family Support Scale	Questionnaire that assesses the level of social support among families with children.	The 18 items can be used for assessment and gathering of information about a broad range of social supports and is recommended for monitoring program impact on client's social support. The scale provides information about a range of social supports; however it does not provide specific information about the characteristics of those supports.	Valid and reliable	No cost Found in: Dunst, CJ, Trivette, C.M., Deal, A.G. (1994). <i>Supporting and Strengthening Families. Volume 1: Methods, Strategies and Practices.</i> Cambridge, MA: Brookline Books.
Family Resource Scale	Is tool designed by H E Leet and C J Dunst to assess family concerns and priorities. It provides information on service areas where families believe they are lacking adequate resources.	The scale is short, 30 items, and easy to read. It is family-centered and strength-based and was developed from a social-system perspective that takes into account the relationship between individuals and their environment. The instrument has been primarily used with programs with young children. Applicability across programs and age ranges warrant further assessment.	Valid and reliable	No cost Found in: Dunst, CJ, Trivette, C.M., Deal, A.G. (1994). <i>Supporting and Strengthening Families. Volume 1: Methods, Strategies and Practices.</i> Cambridge, MA: Brookline Books.
Family Need Scale	Is a questionnaire format that assesses family needs in various areas. It provides information on service areas where the family believes they are having or are lacking adequate resources by identification ranges of needs.	Has similar assessment areas to Family Resource Scale above but asks the family to report a level of need in 41 items.	Valid and reliable	No cost Found in: Dunst, CJ, Trivette, C.M., Deal, A.G. (1994). <i>Supporting and Strengthening Families. Volume 1: Methods, Strategies and Practices.</i> Cambridge, MA: Brookline Books.

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<p>Family Questionnaire (DOH 1118)</p>	<p>Developed for the Milwaukee Child Care Coordination Program. Built on the PNCC questionnaire and assesses risk of family for adverse outcomes for parenting including child abuse and neglect. Score of 60 is need for program eligibility.</p>	<p>Is useful for assessment of family needs by home visitor and information obtained can also be used with the family to determine goals for the individualized family care plan.</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>WI Medicaid Program Division of Health Care Financing</p> <p>Available through EDS by writing: Wisconsin Medicaid Provider Maintenance 6406 Bridge Rd Madison, WI 53784-0006</p>
<p>Medicaid Case Management Draft Sample</p>	<p>Draft reflecting changes to the current Part U of the Wisconsin Medicaid Provider Handbook Series on targeted case management.</p>	<p>Describes guidelines for the Wisconsin Medicaid Targeted Case Management Benefit that is available to specific individuals on Medicaid who meet one of several groups of targets. The group <i>families at risk of physical, mental and emotional dysfunction</i> are the defined group of most interest to the providers of home visitation program services.</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>WI Medicaid Program Division of Health Care Financing</p> <p>Available through EDS by writing: Wisconsin Medicaid Provider Maintenance 6406 Bridge Rd Madison, WI 53784-0006</p>
<p>Maternal and Child Health Data Program</p>	<p>Developed in 1995 specifically for use with the WI Maternal and Child Health Block grant program to evaluate local program capacity and outcome.</p>	<p>The MCH Data system (MCH-DS) is designed to collect and store information about clients and services provided by the MCH Block Grant projects and other public health programs.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Linda Spaans-Esten WI DHFS/DPH (920) 448-5222</p>

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Program Information Management System (PIMS)	Developed specifically for the use with the Healthy Families America home visitation program. Consists of parts 1 and 2. Version 2.0 for network environment is now available.	Part 1 collects information at the program development level for start up such as budget planning, collaboration and staff hiring. Part 2 collects home visitation program service related information and has individual and group reporting from assessment to program referral and delivery of services. Annual fee to Healthy Families America home visitation program of \$400 if annual budget less than \$200,000 \$800 if annual budget more than \$200,000 \$1800 if not Healthy Families America site. Fee covers technical support and upgrades.		Domarina Oshana Prevent Child Abuse America Chicago, Ill (312) 663-3520
POCAN Data Entry Program ACCESS 97	Microsoft Access 97 program database developed specifically to collect client specific indicators to respond to legislative evaluation requirements	Free and at no cost since developed by DHFS to collect information about: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Achieving health outcomes (i.e. up to date health exams and immunizations), 2. Improving parental self-sufficiency (i.e. completing education, maintaining employment); 3. Increasing time intervals between subsequent pregnancy; 4. Improving parenting skills and reducing child abuse and neglect; and 5. Enhancing child development and improve school readiness. Will have limited capacity and unable to collect data on large numbers of clients served over time. 	None	Ann Altman Stueck DHFS/DPH (608) 266-3504

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Birth to 3 Early Intervention Program	County based early intervention program in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C. The county administrative agency is mandated to locate, identify, and evaluate infants and toddlers who may be eligible to receive early intervention services. Each infant or toddler eligible for the program receives coordinated and appropriate services in accordance with the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).	Provides services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and developmental delays and their families	County Birth to 3 Office or First Step 1-800-642-7837
School District Early Childhood Special Education	School district based special education in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B. School districts are mandated to locate, identify, and evaluate children from birth to twenty-one who may be eligible for special education and related services. Each eligible child receives appropriate services in accordance with the Individualized Education Program (IEP).	Provides special education services to children three through five years of age	Local School District
Children with Special Health Care Needs Regional Centers	Regional CSHCN Centers located in each of the five DHFS regions are funded to serve families of children with special health care needs by: providing information, referral, and follow-up services; promoting a parent-to-parent support network; and, increasing the capacity of local health departments and other agencies to provide service coordination.	Provides information and support for families of children with special health care needs	1-800-642-7837

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Program	Description	Specific Features	Contact for More Information
Early Head Start	Early Head Start (EHS) is a federally funded community-based program for low-income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women.	The goal of Early Head Start is to promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, enhance the development of very young children, and promote healthy family functioning. Early Head Start is not available in every community.	Wisconsin Head Start Association (608) 265-9422 http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/earlyint/whsa/index.htm
Even Start	Even Start is designed to promote family literacy, recognizing that parents are the children's first teachers.	Even start provides early childhood education, adult education and basic skills instruction, parenting education, and interactive literacy activities between parents and their children. The program is designed to be integrated and "family-centered". Program is not available in every community.	http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlsea/title1/es1.html Monica Notaro Dept. of Public Instruction 608/267-9141
First Step/MCH Hotline	Federal and state funds provide this information and referral service to assist Wisconsin families who have a young child with a disability or special need. Specifically supports the Birth to 3 Program and the Division of Public Health Regional Children with Special Health Care Needs Centers. Trained telephone staff offer information and a comprehensive listing of services throughout the state for women, children and families in the areas of health, nutrition, special healthcare needs, financial assistance and advocacy.	Toll-free hotline number providing information related to young children with disabilities, developmental delays, and other special health care needs	1-800-642-7837
Head Start	Federally funded community programs with comprehensive services (education, health, nutrition, and social services, parent involvement), state supplemental funds available.	Provides services to children age 3 to 5 from low-income families.	Local Head Start Program

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Child Care Resource and Referral Centers (CCR&R)	<p>The Centers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Provide information to consumers about quality child care ❖ Support existing providers ❖ Offer marketing and funding information ❖ Refer parents to programs ❖ Develop child care programs in areas that lack regulated programs ❖ Work cooperatively with other early childhood and related programs ❖ Promote the development of quality child care services ❖ Respond to a range of parent needs 	Help parents find child care.	<p>Call 888-713 –KIDS to reach the nearest CCR&R or e-mail: www.wisconsinccrr.org/</p>

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Web Sites of Interest	
Organization	Website
Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy—Florida State University	http://www.cpeip.fsu.edu
Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Home Page	www.dpi.state.wi.us
DPI Special Education Team	www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlsea/een/index.htm
DPI Early Childhood Home Page	www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/bbfcsp/ecproghm.html
Special Education in Plain Language: A User Friendly Guide	http://www.cesa7.k12.wi.us/sped/Parents/plainlanguageindex.htm
The Commonwealth Fund: Pediatric Parenting Project	www.cmwf.org
Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners Home Page	www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlcl/bbfcsp/eccopthm.html
Department of Health and Family Services: Home Page	http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/
Birth to 3 Home Page	www.dhfs.state.wi.us/Disabilities/Developmental/birth.html
Birth to 6 Events	www.waisman.wisc.edu/earlyint/evntindx.html
Johnson & Johnson Pediatric Institute	www.pediatricinstitute.com
Family Village	http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/
National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information	http://www.calib.com/nccanch/
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)	http://www.naeyc.org/
Pathways to Diversity	http://www.usc.edu/Library/QF/diversity/
Children Now's	www.dnai.com/~children/links.html
Children's Defense Fund	http://www.childrensdefense.org/
Wisconsin Head Start Home Page	www.waisman.wisc.edu/earlyint/whsa/index.htm
I Am Your Child Campaign	http://www.iamyourchild.org/
UW Extension Parenting the Preschooler	http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/pp/
UW-Extension Home Visitation Web Site	http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/homevisit/
UW-Extension School Readiness	http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/ready/
UW-Extension Parenting	http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/parenting/
National Parent Information Network (NPIN)	www.npin.org
Parents As Teachers	www.patnc.org/
Parents Plus of Wisconsin	www.parentspluswi.org
The National Center for Early Development and Learning	www.fpg.unc.edu/~ncedl

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Child Trends, Inc.	http://www.childtrends.org/
Wisconsin Child Care Improvement Project	www.wccip.org/
Wisconsin Child Care Resource and Referral Network	www.wisconsincrr.org/
Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund	http://www.wctf.state.wi.us/

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