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**WISCONSIN
CARES**

THROUGH THE EYES
OF EVERY CHILD



**Creating A Vision for
Wisconsin's Children**

Wisconsin Cares is an interdisciplinary organization of professionals representing law, medicine, education, social work, business, ecology, administration, and other fields. Its members are retired persons with an interest in the well-being of families and children.

Recognizing that our hope for the future lies in our children, **Wisconsin Cares** is dedicated to creating an environment in Wisconsin that fosters the optimal development of all children by:

- maximizing comprehensive systemic approaches to promoting the well-being of parents and children in their neighborhoods and communities;
- providing early assistance when a child's development is threatened or hindered by environmental, physical, mental, or emotional factors;
- offering protective and rehabilitative opportunities when a child is at risk of being damaged, or has been damaged, by neglect or abuse; and
- the innovative use of partnerships and collaborative

relationships between public and private agencies; between state agencies; between community members and voluntary organizations; between members of political parties; and between families, schools, social agencies, and professionals.



The mission of **Wisconsin Cares** is to foster an environment in Wisconsin that maximizes the possibility that all children will develop into physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy adults. This mission will be pursued by working with other organizations and individuals in order to create a realistic vision for Wisconsin's parents and children by:

- identifying elements in policies and programs that mitigate against a systemic approach to providing optimal developmental environments for children;
- identifying issues that prevent the solution of such problems;
- identifying models that hold promise for improving the devel-

opment and well-being of children in Wisconsin;

- making recommendations to appropriate bodies for the amelioration of such problems; and
- stimulating public awareness of impediments to the development and well-being of children in Wisconsin.



Current Projects:

An Opportunity for Every Child to Become a Productive Citizen

Family Support Networks in Wisconsin

Child Advocacy Teams

Welcome Home Baby

Building Brighter Futures: A Plan to Strengthen Wisconsin Families