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**Prevention Board**

## Newsletter

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### WI Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board Updates

Providing you with the latest news and updates from the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board



As 2023 is coming to a close, we reflect back on a year of growth. The Prevention Board had the opportunity to learn from many community-based agencies and other partners this past year. We took some time in 2023 to celebrate 40 years as an agency and to start planning for the next40 years.

### Research Update: Positive Parenting

When you read about the Prevention Board's 2023 Community Investment Plan below, you will note that the focus of the Board's investment and effort is on strengthening families. Caregivers with strong families are able to foster warm and nurturing parent-child relationships. A new study, using data from 10,000 families in the UK, indicates a strong connection between the strength of positive parent-child relationships at age three and the likelihood that children will grow up to display heightened "PR sociality" in adolescence, including

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According to principal researcher Ioannis Kats Antonis, the findings emphasize the importance of cultivating and supporting strong early relationships between parents and children. Katsantonis further extrapolated on how strongly this is related to the amount of time parents can spend with their children in order to fully respond to their needs and emotions. Katsantonis states, "...we should not underestimate the importance of simply giving [young children] time. Closeness only develops with time, and for parents who are living or working in stressful and constrained circumstances, there often isn't enough." One of the resources the Prevention Board developed for parents is a [handout](#) on how to ensure that time spent with children is [quality time](#), the type of interactions that build parent-child closeness.

Ioannis Katsantonis, Ros McLellan. The role of parent-child interactions in the association between mental health and prosocial behavior: Evidence from early childhood to late adolescence. *International Journal of Behavioral Development*, 2023.

## Celebrate Children Foundation

In September this year, the Celebrate Children Foundation proudly launched its new [website](#), a significant milestone in its dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of every child across Wisconsin. Acknowledging the pivotal role of safe, stable, and nurturing environments in children's lives, the Foundation actively supports the Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board's statewide initiatives. By amplifying these efforts, the Foundation extends its commitment to strengthening families and preventing child maltreatment. The website launch signifies a vital step in the Foundation's mission to extend support, resources, and pioneering approaches to communities, furthering our commitment to enhancing the well-being of children and families across the state.

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## From the Field

### SFY23 Community Investment Plan

The Prevention Board is excited to share our 2023 Community Investment Plan Report. The previous state fiscal year was a year of growth for our agency and grantees. The Prevention Board has grown in its commitment to promoting family strength and preventing child abuse and neglect through policy, education, funding, and collaboration. Grounded in a strengths-based public health approach to preventing child maltreatment, the Prevention Board's funding strives to build a continuum of community-based primary prevention services to strengthen families and communities in Wisconsin.

Annually, the Prevention Board creates a Community Investment Plan and awards grants through a competitive grant-making process. This process must be transparent and accountable to be effective stewards of public funds.

At the final quarterly Board meeting we presented the highlights of how the grantees implemented the funds to strengthen families. SFY23 was our biggest year yet. The Board invested over \$7M, funding to 32 community-based agencies and five tribes for direct services. Over 10,000 families received some type of family support. The full [report](#) is available on our website.

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## Funding Opportunities:

The Prevention Board does not have any open competitive grant applications at this time. Please sign up [here](#) to receive funding notification emails.



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