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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



We have some exciting events to share in this issue of the Prevention Board newsletter. During the month of March, we look forward to hearing from agencies who participate in listening sessions to inform our next strategic plan and funding plan. Spring is also the time to finalize plans for Family Strengthening Month.

Listening Sessions

The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board will be hosting five listening sessions throughout the month of March to gather feedback on our current grants, future grants and our next strategic plan. These listening sessions are open to any organization. We are particularly interested in receiving feedback from community-based agencies, coalitions, tribes, family resource centers, and funders as well as any other agencies providing services to children and families.

April.

The listening sessions are planned for 90 minutes. The same questions will be asked at each listening session. We are looking for your feedback on funding priorities for direct services to strengthen families. We also want to hear about your community needs, your agency's funding needs and how we can better support your work.

- **Thursday, March 7: 9 – 10:30 am (Tribal)** To register:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcocu6qrjwjH9xjyBSSeNVrKrnCnHKEInPD>
- **Tuesday, March 19: 9 – 10:30 am** To register:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYocO-grzgoEtxRKgASnQSQLssHiFwL3eqV>
- **Friday, March 22: 9 – 10:30 am** To register:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsdeypqjkgGtHO1QJi8PJl2r2kDGeTyBQB>
- **Monday, March 25: 1 – 2:30 pm** To register:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pduCprTMuH9Nfxbxtv5X4JAXO1B91C9t4>
- **Wednesday, March 27: 1 – 2:30 pm** To register:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrd-msrDksGtTR3DkcdVrFmt89lI23r2NG>

Family Strengthening Month

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment. Families are the best resource to provide the positive interactions and healthy conditions that children need to flourish. During Family Strengthening Month, please join us in highlighting how strong Wisconsin families promote the well-being of children in our state. The Wisconsin Family Strengthening Month Committee has created a toolkit that contains activities for use by Wisconsin programs to support family strengthening during the month of April 2024 and throughout the year. The Prevention Board will be releasing additional materials centered around the theme of meaningful Social Connections, because research indicates that this is a specific area of stress and need for families. Please check out the [Celebrate Children website](#) to find Family Strengthening Month resources.

From the Field

2-1-1 Guided Search

The Prevention Board, in partnership with FRC parents and staff, developed a [2-1-1 Family and Child guided search](#). Since the 2-1-1 Family and Child guided search launched, there have been 1,712 visitors who started a search. The top three searches are family support centers, child development classes and parent education. If your agency offers any of these services, you might want to make sure that your information in 211 is accurate and ensure that families are able to find your programs.

Partnership is essential to the operation of the 211 Wisconsin System. Whether your involvement consists of updating your agency's database listing, partnering, or advocating, all partners are important to 211 Wisconsin's ability to serve Wisconsinites. One way that 211 Wisconsin partners with organizations is by creating custom guided searches, such as the [Family and Child guided search](#). The goal of a guided search is to work with partners to create a curated searching experience with meaningful categories that help support efficient searching and connection with community services.

The 211 Wisconsin System has 26 Resource Managers who work daily to ensure the database reflects current service offerings throughout the state. To have the most up-to-date database, they rely on service providers responding to their outreach attempts or sharing updates with their team. To update your agency's record, first locate your listing on [211 Wisconsin](#) and verify your organization's information is complete and up to date. If an update is needed, click "Submit a Revision Request" on the lower left section of the screen and complete the short form to update 211. If you need additional support with updating your record, you are welcome to call 211 directly or 877-947-2211 to get connected to your local Resource Manager.

211 Wisconsin | United Way of Wisconsin are committed to promoting and supporting digital equity and working to make home broadband and phone service more accessible in all corners of our state. 211 Wisconsin now has a Digital Resource Navigator who can offer one on one phone support to help people navigate phone and internet discount programs and associated community services. United Way of Wisconsin is offering virtual digital resource training to community organizations and individuals who are interested in

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access and of how to enroll people in existing telecommunication discount programs. To learn more about 211 Wisconsin | United Way of Wisconsin's Digital Access work [click here](#)

Parenting on the go bag



In the coming Family Strengthening Month and Week of the Young Child in April, we plan to distribute nearly 4,000 Parenting on the Go bags. Our mission is still seeking [sponsors](#) for these bags. If you're interested and wish to learn more about this unique opportunity, we invite you to get in touch via [email](#).

Celebrate Children Foundation is the proud Charity of Record for the Madison Stars & Stripes a half marathon and 5K run/walk that will take place at Law Park from 7:30 am – 11 am. Sign-up to Volunteer and share some of your time assisting the runners while Celebrate Children Foundation gets a donation for your time!

Link: <https://wisconsinruns.com/madisonstarsandstripesrun>

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Funding Opportunities:

The Prevention Board is seeking applications for the FRC of Quality Pathway Expansion Grant. The goal of this grant is to provide one year of funding to FRCs interested in becoming an FRC of Quality. For more information and to submit an application, please click [here](#).



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