

1 SUB ____ to 2022 RES-345 (PROPOSED- WEGLEITNER)

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3 **ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS AND CREATING A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM**
4 **SPECIALIST PROJECT POSITION DCDHS - PEI DIVISION**
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6 The Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)
7 Division has received competitive grant from the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
8 (DCF) to better serve children and youth with high acuity needs placed in foster and kinship care. The
9 grant, Expansion of Community Based Services to Support Children with High Acuity Needs in Out of
10 Home Care, begins March 1, 2023 and will end on December 31, 2024. The goals of the grant are to
11 decrease use of congregate care placement for children with high acuity needs and increase
12 community placement, increase placement stability and prevent re-entry to out of home care for this
13 population. This grant funds the creation of a Project Behavioral Health Specialist position within the
14 Department's Out of Home Care (OHC) Unit and expands funding for hourly respite for school aged
15 children who are in foster or kinship care. The Behavioral Health Specialist project position will train
16 foster and kin providers on topics related to children and youth mental health and substance use
17 treatment needs, teach caregivers to effectively use and execute mental health crisis response plans,
18 and provide regular consultation and technical assistance to all Dane County licensed foster parents
19 and relative providers caring for a child with higher acuity needs. Consultation with caregivers will
20 focus on ensuring providers (both foster parents and kin) have the skills needed to successfully help
21 children integrate therapeutic coping skills and strategies into daily living and assist caregivers in
22 enacting trauma informed parenting and shared parenting practices that meet the needs of children
23 with higher acuity needs and behaviors. The position will also provide consultation and technical
24 assistance to Licensing and Child Placing Social Workers on appropriate use of community
25 therapeutic supports and services. This DCF grant also funds an increase in staffing at the Respite
26 Center, specifically offering an average of 10 hours per week of hourly respite for school aged
27 children with higher acuity needs in out of home placement. The ability to give relative and foster
28 parents a few hours of daytime respite for school aged children with higher acuity needs will greatly
29 aid in their ability to continue to successfully care for these children. For the children, the Respite
30 Center will provide a small, safe, and nurturing environment to practice their coping skills, and have
31 positive interactions with peers and other adults. If desired by the family and team, the Respite
32 Center could continue to be a respite resource for the family to help ensure successful reunification
33 and prevent re-entry to out of home care.

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35 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board does hereby support and
36 authorize the creation of a 1.0 FTE Behavioral Health Specialist project position ~~(M-10)~~ (P 10) in
37 payroll org 6073 effective March 26, 2023 within the PEI Division in the Human Services Department.

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39 **BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that the following new revenue and expenditure accounts be added and
40 that the revenue increase be credited to the County General Fund and transferred from the General
41 Fund to the following expenditure accounts within the Alternate Care Budget in the Department of
42 Human Services:

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44 Revenue

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
73000 85146 (NEW)	Community Based Services Expansion	\$125,500

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49	Expenditures		
50	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
51	73000 10009	Salaries and Wages	\$64,000
52	73000 10099	Retirement Fund	4,400
53	73000 10108	Social Security	4,900
54	73000 10117	Health	17,100
55	73000 10153	Dental	1,300
56	73000 10171	Disability Insurance	100
57	73000 10250	Salary Savings	(1,300)
58	73000 35408 (NEW)	Community Prevntn Orgnz & Aware	<u>35,000</u>
59	Total Expenditures		\$125,500
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