

REPORT OF ECCEB TO CSC, 4/9/2008

Department of Children and Families. Jane Penner-Hoppe, the KidsFirst policy initiatives advisor for DWD, gave a presentation. She is part of the transition team planning the department structure. After telling us what the governor has done for children, Jane indicated what programs are being pulled together into the new department: W-2/TANF, Child Support, Wisconsin Shares, Child Care Regulation & Licensing, Brighter Futures initiative, Child Welfare Program, Child Protective Services, Domestic Violence, and the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Care, among others. The mission of the department is to promote the economic and social well being of Wisconsin's children and families. We discussed Wisconsin Shares and child mental health issues with Jane.

Child Care Tuition Assistance Income Eligibility Guidelines have been updated to match the Wisconsin Shares guidelines (we provide assistance for those who earn too much to receive Wisconsin Shares). We will try to draft a mechanism for the eligibility guidelines to increase automatically after this year.

Listening session report Discussed dissemination of the report. Suggestions welcome!