



BRIGHTER FUTURES INITIATIVE

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
Division of Children and Family Services

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1999 Wisconsin Act 9, Section 1122, 46.99 of the statutes was created to read:

46.99 Brighter futures initiative.

(1) DEFINITIONS. In this section: (a) "Nonprofit corporation" means a non-stock, nonprofit corporation organized under ch. 181. (b) "Public agency" means a county, city, village, town or school district or an agency of this state or of a county, city, village, town or school district.

(2) AWARDING OF GRANTS. (a) From the appropriations under s. 20.435 (3) (eg), (km) and (nL), the department, beginning on January 1, 2001, shall distribute \$2,125,200 in each fiscal year to applying nonprofit corporations and public agencies operating in a county having a population of 500,000 or more and \$1,229,300 in each fiscal year to applying county departments under s. 46.22, 46.23, 51.42 or 51.437 operating in counties other than a county having a population of 500,000 or more to provide programs to accomplish all of the following:

1. Prevent and reduce the incidence of youth violence and other delinquent behavior.
2. Prevent and reduce the incidence of youth alcohol and other drug use and abuse.
3. Prevent and reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect.
4. Prevent and reduce the incidence of nonmarital pregnancy and increase the use of abstinence as a method of preventing nonmarital pregnancy.
5. Increase adolescent self-sufficiency by encouraging high school graduation, vocational preparedness, improved social and other interpersonal skills and responsible decision making. (b) A nonprofit corporation or public agency that is applying for a grant under par. (a) shall provide to the department a proposed service plan for the use of the grant moneys. If the department approves the service plan, the department may award the grant. The department shall award the grants on a competitive basis and for a 3-year period.

(3) OUTCOMES EXPECTED. (a) The department shall provide a set of benchmark indicators to measure the outcomes that are expected of a program funded under sub. (2) (a). Those benchmark indicators shall measure all of the following among youth who have participated in a program funded under sub. (2) (a):

1. The rate of participation in violent or other delinquent behavior.
2. The rate of alcohol and other drug use and abuse.
3. The rate of nonmarital pregnancy and the rate at which abstinence is used to prevent nonmarital pregnancy.
4. The rate of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect.
5. The development of self-sufficiency, as indicated by the rate of high school graduation, the degree of vocational preparedness, any improvements in social and other interpersonal skills and in responsible decision making and any other indicators that the department considers important in indicating the development of adolescent self-sufficiency.
6. Any other indicators that the department considers important in indicating the development of positive behaviors among adolescents. (b) The department shall require a grant recipient under sub. (2) (a) to provide an annual report showing the status of its program participants in terms of the benchmark indicators provided under par. (a) and may renew a grant only if the recipient shows improvement on those indicators