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Jim Doyle, Governor  
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**SECRETARY-DESIGNEE BICHA MEETS WITH  
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF LANGLADE COUNTY**

*Bicha discusses Governor Jim Doyle's Grow Wisconsin Initiative*

MADISON – Reggie Bicha, Secretary-Designee of the new Department of Children and Families met with local community members at the Boys and Girls Club of Langlade County on Thursday, February 7, 2008. Bicha discussed Governor Jim Doyle's *Grow Wisconsin* initiative and the new Department of Children and Families.

“Governor Doyle’s commitment to improving the quality of life for Wisconsin citizens is so apparent in these two great initiatives,” said Reggie Bicha, Secretary-Designee of the Department of Children and Families. “The *Grow Wisconsin* Initiative will build upon Wisconsin’s expanding economy by fostering innovation, seizing energy opportunities, making health care affordable for all families, and investing in quality education. At the same time we are ensuring vibrant Wisconsin communities, we will work to keep children safe and healthy in strong families through the new Department of Children and Families.”

The *Grow Wisconsin* initiative highlights efforts to keep Wisconsin at the forefront of the changing global market, increase the availability of renewable fuel, improve access to affordable health care coverage, and improve the quality and affordability of education.

In July 2008, the newly created Department of Children and Families will combine child welfare, child support, child care services and the W-2 program into a new, freestanding agency. The department will be the first Cabinet agency devoted exclusively to shaping the future of children in Wisconsin.

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