Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Council Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 4, 2026
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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9–9:10 a.m.	**Welcome** **Approval Of Minutes** Motion to pass minutes required from August 5, 2026 Link: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/cltscouncil/cltscouncil-minutes-20260805.pdf	Wendy Heyn (CLTS Council Chair) Deb Rathermel, Director Bureau of Children's Services (BCS)
9:10–9:20 a.m.	**Public Comment Period:** Public comments may be presented at this time; three minutes maximum per presenter/organization. *Note:* If there are not 15 minutes of public comments, we will conduct other business from the agenda during this time.	Public Comment
9:20–9:30 a.m.	**Council Members** • Council Attendance • Council Member Announcements • Council Chair Nominations	Wendy Heyn (CLTS Council Chair)
9:30–9:45 a.m.	**Council Chair Discussion and Vote**	Wendy Heyn (CLTS Council Chair) Deb Rathermel, Director Bureau of Children's Services (BCS)
9:45–10:15 a.m.	**Waiver Renewal Overview Status** • Status of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Review • Benefit package and transition planning work	Becky Granger, Deputy Director, BCS and Zach Bauer, Program & Policy Analyst-Advanced
10:15–10:30 a.m.	**BREAK**	

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10:30–11 a.m.	**Family Engagement Discussion with Council**	Kaycee Kienast, Section Manager, and Tara Sommersberger, Human Services Program Coordinator, Sr.
11–11:30 a.m.	**Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Program Updates**	Melissa Skenandore, Program Coordinator, CYSHCN
11:30 a.m.–12 pm	**CLTS Q 3 Data Sharing**	Kaycee Kienast, Section Manager
12–12:30 p.m. Lunch		
12:30–1:00 p.m.	**CLTS Waiver Renewal** • CLTS Ombuds Implementation and Launch Planning • CLTS Support Service Coordinator (SSC) Professional Development (PD) System Implementation Planning	Kaycee Kienast, Section Manager, and Tara Sommersberger, Human Services Program Coordinator, Sr. Beth Gullickson, Section Manager, and Rachel Lettner, Children and Family Program Specialist
1:00–1:30 p.m.	**Children's Community Options Program (CCOP) Updates** • County CCOP Plans Report Out • 2028 CCOP Allocation changes and distribution	Beth Gullickson, Section Manager, and Taylor Johnson, Children and Family Program Specialist David Sorenson, Section Manager, and Willow Wallis, Program & Policy Analyst-Advanced
1:30–2:00 p.m.	**Project Status Updates & Situational Awareness Topics** • CLTS Provider Handbook • CLTS Enrollment Queue	Chris Bonds, CLTS Program Provider Relations Specialist Becky Granger, Deputy Director, BCS
2–2:30 p.m.	**Council Member Sharing** • An opportunity for all council members to share ideas, round robin style. This discussion can inform future agenda items and promote cross learning across council members. This discussion space is in a public meeting, so confidentiality is required.	
2:30–3 p.m.	**Wrap-Up and Action Items (Next Meeting)** **2027 Meeting Dates: February 3, May 12, August 4, November**	Wendy Heyn, CLTS Council Chair Deb Rathermel, Director, BCS