



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

Tony Evers, Governor
Kirsten L. Johnson, Secretary

August 18, 2023

Michael Queensland
Senate Chief Clerk
Room B20 Southeast, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53701

Edward Blazel
Assembly Chief Clerk
17 West Main, Suite 401
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Queensland and Mr. Blazel:

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is submitting the attached State Annual Performance Report, including the State's 2023 determination status notification as established by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). The purpose of this report is to meet the requirement outlined in Wis. Stat. § 51.44(5)(c) to annually submit to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature a report highlighting DHS's progress in implementing the Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program.

The enclosed report covers the federal fiscal year 2021 as submitted to OSEP and the response from OSEP, including our Part C Results-Driven Accountability Matrix and accompanying determination letter to the Director of the Bureau of Children's Services, Deborah Rathermel.

Wisconsin's Birth to 3 Program has a strong and successful history in partnering with local county governments to support children with delays in development. The State Annual Performance Report highlights the positive outcomes achieved by the Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program in partnership with local Birth to 3 Programs. The year's findings indicate that Wisconsin is in the category of "Meets Requirements," which is the highest determination category.

If you have questions regarding this report, please contact Deb Rathermel, Director of the Bureau of Children's Services, at 608-266-9366.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kirsten L. Johnson".

Kirsten L. Johnson
Secretary-designee

Enclosures: Annual Performance Report FFY 2021
US Department of Education June 21, 2023, Determination Letter
Wisconsin Part C Results-Driven Accountability Matrix