



June 18, 2021

Senator Robert Cowles and
Representative Samantha Kerkman, Co-chairpersons
Joint Legislative Audit Committee
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Senator Cowles and Representative Kerkman:

The Department of Children and Families appreciates the recommendations made by the Legislative Audit Bureau regarding the Child Care Counts program. Thank you for this opportunity to share the progress the Department has made on implementing these recommendations.

File Review Recommendation

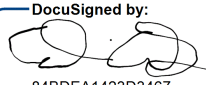
The Department retrieved and reviewed expense documentation for the 24 child care providers who had not provided full documentation at the time of LAB's original request. The provider documentation retrieved supports allowable program spending and no overpayments were established.

Recoupment of Program Funds Recommendation

The Department plans to perform a review of the supplemental amounts awarded to child care providers. The Department will adjust its sample selection process to include all awards made to an individual provider. This will allow the Department to consider all available provider information and review the provider as an entity rather than as an individual payment. In addition, the Department will request provider expense documentation to ensure allowable spending of program funds. The review of the supplemental awards will occur between July 1 and August 31, 2021.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share the Department's progress on these important recommendations.

Sincerely,

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