



MEDIA ADVISORY  
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## **Wisconsin Legislative Children's Caucus to Hold Meeting in La Crosse** *Informational Hearing on Community Efforts to Strengthen Families*

Madison, Wis. – The Wisconsin Legislative Children's Caucus will be hosting the first of five informational hearings on community efforts to strengthen families this Friday, March 10th in La Crosse. Founded in 2015, the Legislative Children's Caucus is a bi-partisan group with the purpose of cultivating a legislature dedicated to advancing promising, evidence-informed public policy that improves the life of every Wisconsin child. Rep. Jill Billings (D-La Crosse) serves as a co-chair of the caucus alongside Rep. Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan), Sen. Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) and Sen. LaTonya Johnson (D-Milwaukee).

The informational hearings will feature local invited speakers who focus on primary prevention of child abuse and neglect and serve at-risk families. The Legislative Children's Caucus elected to hold hearings throughout Wisconsin to facilitate learning between state legislators and the local community partners who implement evidence-based practices to address child abuse and neglect. These hearings will be held throughout the month of March in La Crosse, Milwaukee, Green Bay, Stevens Point and Rice Lake.

**WHAT:** Wisconsin Legislative Children's Caucus Informational Hearing on Community Effort to Strengthen Families

**WHEN:** Friday, March 10th from 9:30am-12:30pm

**WHERE:** La Crosse Main Public Library, 800 Main St., La Crosse

**PANELISTS:** Representatives from: La Crosse Family and Children's Center, The Parenting Place (La Crosse & Monroe Counties), Gunderson Health System, Ho-Chunk Nation Child & Family Services, Monroe County Community Response Program, La Crosse County Human Services Department, La Crosse Area Family Collaborative, La Crosse Northside Elementary, La Crosse Police Department

For a full meeting agenda, details of the other meetings, or further information on the Wisconsin Legislative Children's Caucus visit: [www.wichildrenciaucus.org](http://www.wichildrenciaucus.org)

This meeting is open to the public and press. For questions or more information contact Kathy Divine in Rep. Jill Billings' office at (608) 266-5780.

*Improving the life of every Wisconsin child.*

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