

February 2, 2024

District Administrators:

Annual notice to school staff on Adoption Resources per Wis. Stat. 115.355.

Please disseminate to appropriate school staff the following information about materials and services available through the state adoption center, which may serve as resources for instruction on adoption for students.

Information about adoption and guardianship in Wisconsin can be found on the Department of Children and Families (DCF) <u>Adoption and Guardianship in Wisconsin website</u>.

The <u>Wisconsin Family Connections Center (WiFCC)</u> is a unified, statewide program providing services to parents and caregivers partnering to raise children and youth through kinship care, foster care, and post-permanency, including reunification, guardianship, and adoption. The WiFCC provides equitable, culturally responsive services to anyone in Wisconsin with past or present involvement in the child welfare system, including:

- parents whose children are placed out of the home;
- parents whose children have reunified;
- parents whose parental rights were terminated;
- parents creating an adoption plan;
- relative caregivers;
- like-kin caregivers;
- foster parents;
- pre-adoptive and adoptive parents;
- guardians; and
- professionals working with families.

More information about Post-Permanency Resources in Wisconsin, including a regional map of Wisconsin with local WiFCC information is found on the DCF <u>Post-Permanency</u> <u>Resources in Wisconsin website</u>. Questions regarding this communication may go to Julie Incitti, School Social Work Consultant, at <u>Julie.incitti@dpi.wi.gov</u> or (608) 266-0963.

Sincerely,

John W. Johnson, PhD Deputy State Superintendent