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## The Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare

### About the BMCW

The Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) works with families to ensure the safety and well-being of children. With its many community partners, BMCW provides services to families in crisis that help keep children safely in the home. When it is necessary, BMCW looks to foster and adoptive families to provide appropriate temporary and permanent homes for children who cannot live with their parents.

#### Oversight and Administration of BMCW

On January 1, 1998, the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services assumed responsibility for the Milwaukee County child welfare system. Milwaukee is the only county in Wisconsin to have a child welfare system operated directly by the state. July 1, 2008, the Bureau transferred to the new Department of Children and Families, under the Division of Safety and Permanence.

Child protective services are provided by the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) from a central administrative site located in the City of Milwaukee at 635 North 26th Street.

[BMCW - Vision, Commitment and History](#) (Settlement Agreement)

#### Community Education and Mandated Reporter Training

Staff from the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare are available to speak to your group about a variety of topics regarding child welfare. If you are interested, call (414) 343-5500.

BMCW provides programs to help the community understand its mission and role in ensuring the safety of children in Milwaukee county. This training meets requirements for mandated reporters. The sessions are open to the public. [To request the schedule for upcoming programs.](#)

Mandated reporting training is also available [online](#).

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