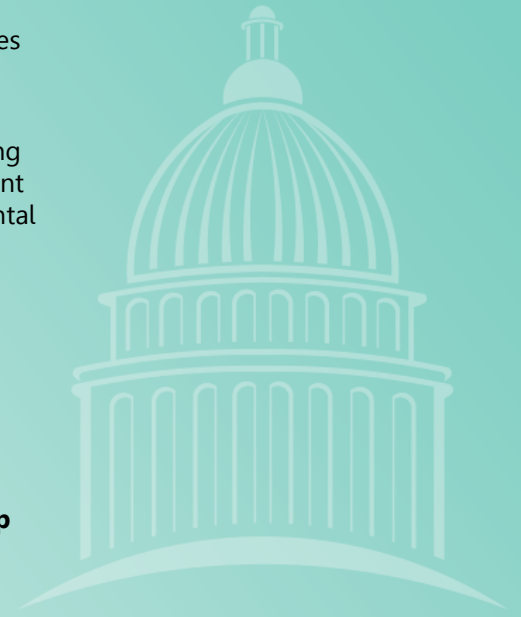


ADVOCATING FOR **IMPACT**

- **Launched into the 2019-20 legislative session** by engaging key legislators to promote targeted budget priorities; provide education on emerging policy issues including Family First implementation, behavioral health reimbursement, youth services and mental health consultation.
- **Engaged with legislative leaders** throughout the session to work on: amending Wisconsin adoption and foster care policies, growing the substance use treatment workforce, expanding telehealth options, and expanding funding for school mental health initiatives.
- **Assisted Governor Evers' team** in the early stages of the transition!
 - **Engaged with state agency leaders** to establish awareness of WAFCA member agencies and our collective contribution to Wisconsin's human services system.
 - **Shared policy priorities** and provided background information to orient leaders as they navigated new roles.
- **Provided ongoing consultation and information to the new DCF leadership team** by coordinating member agency visits, monthly in person meetings and arranging for new regular contact with the WAFCA board.
- **Secured increased funding** for school mental health grants, home visiting services and the child welfare workforce.



BUILDING & GROWING OUR **NETWORK**

- **Expanded the WAFCA Membership Base and Services!**
 - **Established the Clinical Supervisors Community of Practice** to provide a supportive forum for peer to peer learning.
 - **Welcomed seven new organizations** into WAFCA membership to continue expanding our diverse array of service providers including large and small organizations in both rural and urban settings providing a full range of services from prevention to intensive treatment options.
 - **Formed a new collaboration** with the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities which brought Alliance member benefits to WAFCA members, including: accessing Alliance "back office" supportive services, discounts on national events and trainings, and access to resources at Alliance member rates.
- **Delivered thousands of dollars of savings** to COA-accredited members.
 - **Extended accreditation discounts** to new member agencies.
 - **Grew the total number of member agencies benefitting from the 25% discount** on initial and renewal COA accreditation to fifteen member agencies.

CONSULTING & CONNECTING WITH MEMBERS ON-SITE & ONLINE

- **Connected in person with twenty-five member agencies** to strengthen relationships; provide technical assistance; and deepen understanding of current trends in the field.
- **Hosted more than twenty meetings via phone and Zoom** with members to help agencies stay up to date on emerging policy issues and remotely network with colleagues around the state.
- **Advised members** on licensing issues, mergers, workforce development, training, Medicaid programs and emerging business opportunities.
- **Sponsored our largest ever WAFCA Institute** in Door County! Devoted two days to developing our skills of adaptive leadership, forming new connections and exploring the peninsula with family & friends.
- **Kicked off our 40th Anniversary year** with friends, old and new. Gathered current and former WAFCA leaders to honor Linda Hall for her years of WAFCA service and her thoughtful, compassionate advocacy on behalf of Wisconsin's children & families.

1700 The number of mental health

practitioners, school professionals and human service leaders gathered at WAFCA-sponsored events for collaborative learning and networking

7 The number of new agencies welcomed into WAFCA membership in 2019

The number of onsite agency visits completed by WAFCA staff as they traveled the state.

25

40 Years of unifying voices to improve the lives of Wisconsin children and families.

PURSuing

PRACTICE IMPROVEMENT

- Advanced opportunities for WAFCA member out-of-home care providers to develop their agency capacity to use evidence to improve outcomes through a partnership with **Chapin Hall**.
- Continued collaboration with more than ten WAFCA member agencies jointly collecting and analyzing data through the **WAFCA Impact Data Project**.
- Solidified a new partnership with the **Great Lakes/Mental Health Technology Transfer Center** to bring additional mental health and continuing education resources to member agencies.
- Continued our focused efforts with the **Coalition for Expanding School-Based Mental Health in Wisconsin** to advance best practices, increase grant funding, and grow sustainable funding through the expansion of Medicaid school mental health consultation services.

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