



RESOURCE CONNECTION SESSIONS

Focused on Serving Wisconsin Children IN Wisconsin

*From 2014–2020, RCC capacity in our state declined 32%. Placement data shows that the number of children placed out-of-state grew from 44 in 2016 to 119 in 2020. By the end of 2020, a total of 250 children from 46 different counties had experienced an out-of-state placement. The pandemic has exacerbated the placement crisis and it is now having a destabilizing effect on our workforce. **Now is the time to try something new.***

*In response, WAFCA will pilot **Resource Connection Sessions**.*

The vision is to create a process...

FOR children with complex needs at-risk of out-of-state placement

THAT provides a universal format for sharing child information

AND engages system consultant expertise & representation from the continuum of care in WI

TO locate in-state treatment and services.

DETAILS & FAQs

Pilot start date: April 1, 2022 || Pilot end date: September 30, 2022

When & Where Will Sessions Occur? Tu/Wed/Th mornings from 8am–8:45am via Zoom

Who Can Request a Session? County, Tribe, or Private Child Placing Agencies

What Children Qualify for a Session? Those at-risk of out-of-state placement (the agency's standard referral process should be followed for all other children)

Who Should Participate? In order to be successful, we will need to:

- draw on the **full continuum of providers** (those providing in-home services, behavioral health services for children, and out-of-home care services, including treatment foster care)
- have a **team from the placing agency** (this may include the child's primary caseworker, a supervisor or manager, the county CCS worker/supervisor, and/or the foster care coordinator).

Can a Child and/or Parent Participate? Yes! Whenever possible, it is encouraged.

Where can I learn more? See [WAFCA's website here](#) for more information about the pilot.

How Can I Participate? (Placing Agencies) 1) Identify participants. 2) Have all participants review & sign the linked [MOU](#). 3) Email signed MOUs to connect@wafca.org. 4) Complete the [Request Form](#) when you have a child in need of a connection session.