

Wisconsin County Human Service Association



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Collaboration

- WCHSA staff and leadership
- Department of Children and Families
- County human service agencies



DHS Secretary Johnson

- Previous experience
 - City of Milwaukee
 - Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department
- Working together



2023-25 State Budget Priorities

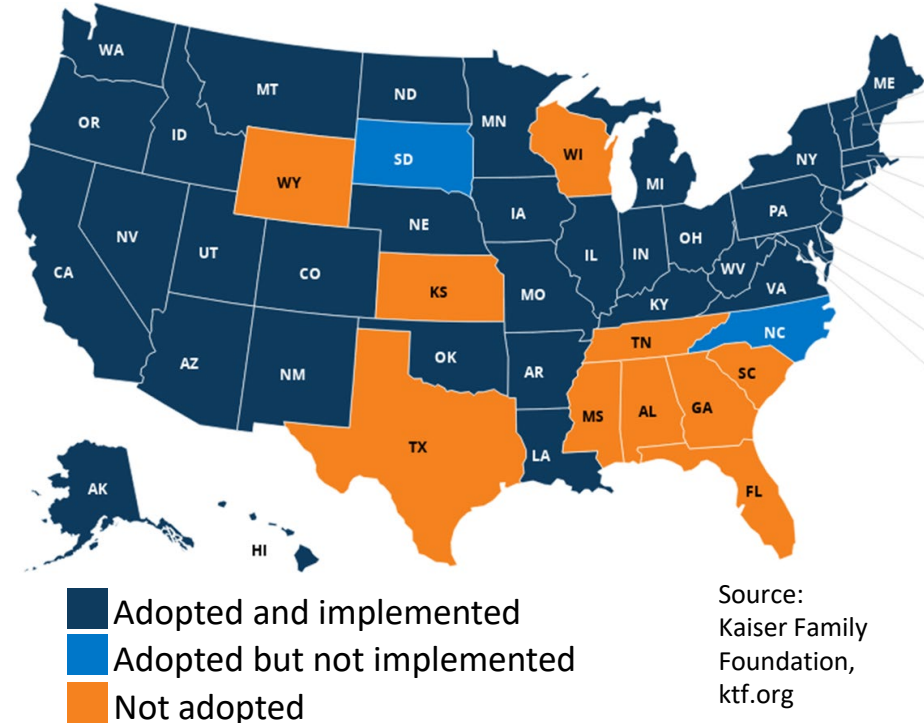
- Expanding Medicaid coverage
- Building healthy communities
- Investing in long-term care
- Improving mental health and crisis services
- Addressing staffing and workforce needs across health care sectors



Expand Medicaid

- Increase access for 89,700 Wisconsinites
- Enhanced federal funding
- Medicaid expansion is good for our health, and it is good for our workforce

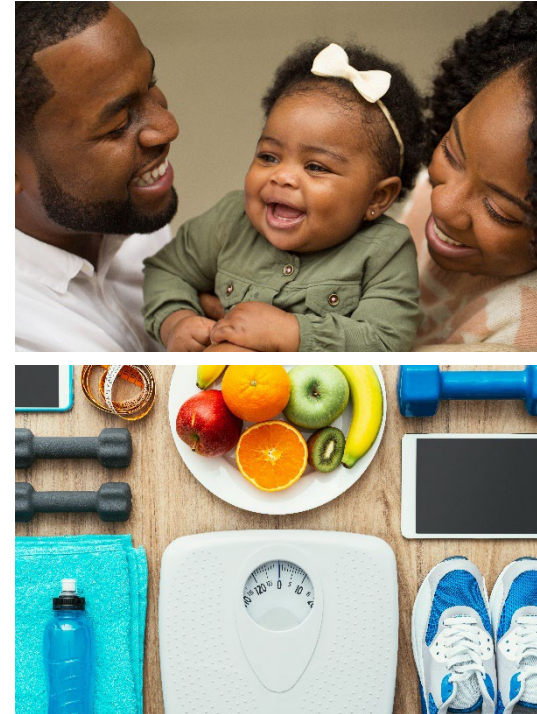
Status of State Action on the Medicaid Expansion Decision



Source:
Kaiser Family
Foundation,
kff.org

Building Healthy Communities

- Wisconsin has been significantly underfunding its public health efforts for years
- Invest in services and programs to help protect the health of our communities
 - Adult protective services



Invest in Long-Term Care

- Demand for services will continue to increase
- Invest in services and programs to ensure people can get the care they need in their community



Improve Mental Health and Crisis Services

- Invest in behavioral health services and programs to help people when and where they need it
- Fund suicide prevention efforts
- Expand substance use disorder services



Serving Children with Complex Behavioral Care Needs

- Psychiatric residential treatment facility
- Keep children closer to home
- Improve recovery outcomes
- DHS, DCF, and WCHSA collaboration



Address Staffing and Workforce Needs Across Health Care Sectors

- Long-term solutions
- WisCaregivers career program
- Grants
- Income maintenance agencies



2023-25 State Budget

- Affordable and accessible health care
- Next steps in budget process
- Budget details:
dhs.wisconsin.gov/budget



End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

- Medicaid programs
- Return to regular eligibility, enrollment, and benefits management processes
- Additional income maintenance support



Valuable Partnership

- Area Administration
- Support for programs and services



Thank you!



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