

Review of Wisconsin's Child Protective Services Mandates: *Selected Mandates & Their Impact*

New Child Welfare Mandates Since 2017

2011

- CANS Assessment
- Subsidized Guardianship as a Permanency Option
- Licensing all Relatives as Foster Parents

- Face to Face Contact Requirements
- Permanency Roundtable Requirements
- Integrated Case Plan / Permanency Template Change

- Transition Planning Requirements for 17 yr olds
- New CPS Ongoing Standards
- Confirming Safe Environments (CSE) Requirements
- Youth in OHC Identity Theft and Credit Preservation Requirements

2016

- Assessment Plan for Youth Aging out of Care
- Photo Requirements for Youth in Out-of-Home Care
- Documentation Related to Children Missing from Care
- Reasonable & Prudent Parenting Standard
- Utilization of SAFE Tool for Foster Care Licensing
- New Rules re: Caregiver Background Checks

2017

- Implementation of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Process Change
- Investigation Requirements Regarding Alleged Child Sex Trafficking Changes
- Change Regarding Child Care Payments Offsetting Out-of-Home Care Costs

2014

- Extension of Responsibility for Certain Youth in Out-of-Home Care until age of 21
- Documentation Requirements for B-3 referrals, CAPTA

2015

- Appeals Requirements for Maltreatment Substantiations
- Documentation Requirements for Foster Care Providers

*We estimate that mandates added since 2011 have increased the work time required for every case by **40 hours** and by another **1 - 80 hours** for certain cases, greatly decreasing the ability for family engagement and **diminishing the ability to prevent out-of-home care placements.***

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Examples of Increased Workload Due to Mandates

Task	2000	2017
Child protective services access report	Typically a 2-3 page Word document taking approximately 30 minutes on average to receive the information and complete the required paper work	A computer document taking approximately 90 to 120 minutes on average to receive the information and complete the required computer-driven paperwork.
Child protective services initial assessment	A Word document that was typically 2-3 pages in length. Including contact with the child and family this assessment could normally be completed in 3 to 4 hours .	A computer driven document that is generally 5 - 7 pages in length and requires including meeting with the child and family 12 to 15 hours to complete.
Youth justice or child protective services court report	A Word document typically 3 to 5 pages in length .	A computer driven report typically in excess of 8 to 10 pages taking more time to complete.
Permanency plan for child or youth in out-of-home care	A Word document that was largely completed by checking various boxes and typically 5 – 7 pages in length.	Typically in excess of 15 pages and conservatively requires 4 to 6 hours and often more to complete.