

## Dedicated Focus on Children's Mental Health in Wisconsin since 2014

The Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health (OCMH) was created in the 2013-2015 biennial budget and began work in early 2014. The office's purpose is to support Wisconsin's children in achieving their optimal social and emotional well-being.

“ In the early 2010s a range of state departmental leaders, mental health professionals, and advocates came together to advance the idea of an organization attached to the Governor's office that could more effectively increase the alignment of children's mental health issues across state departments. From its beginning in 2014, OCMH has convened and supported an impressive array of leaders who together have achieved much alignment, collaboration, and improvement of children's mental health. And yet, there is much more to be done for Wisconsin's children.

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2021-24

Social Connectedness of Youth – the one thing across all children's age groups affecting mental health.



2019-20

Studied Lifespan of a Child – from 0-26 children need the support of caring families, schools, and communities to be mentally healthy. Issued Feelings Thermometer



2018

Lived Experience is Everywhere! Incorporating lived experience in organizations and systems work across Wisconsin.



2014-15

OCMH focused on lived experience, trauma-informed care, and established the Children's Mental Health Collective Impact Council and 3 workgroups.



2017

Awarded three large grants expanding work on infant mental health, Adverse Childhood Experiences, trauma-informed care, and integrating lived experience.



2016

Developed the Child Well-being Indicators Dashboard, website, and free trauma-informed care training.

