WI Department of Children & Families Supplemental Information Related to Proposed Revisions to Act 78

Supplemental Information re. Recommendation 1

As discussed in DCF's Recommendation 1 (*see* WI DCF Proposed Revisions to Act 78), DCF believes that utilizing the annual Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Report as a means to share aggregate and trend data on Act 78 cases and as a focus of testimony during the Act 78 hearings can provide an opportunity for DCF to share with the legislature and the public robust data relating to Act 78 cases along with a broader array of CAN-related data. Providing data in this format will also focus potential recommendations on trends and analyses based on multiple sources of relevant information. As components of this combined process, DCF would propose the following statutory changes:

- Adding a sub-section to s. 48.47(8) requiring DCF to include aggregate and trend data about Act 78 cases in its annual CAN Report. An example of a new section of the annual CAN Report incorporating Act 78 data is attached. Please note this example report does not contain real data.

- Replicating provisions relating to including "changes in policies or practices that have been made to address any issues" raised in Act 78 reviews and "recommendations for any further changes in policies, practices, rules or statutes that may be needed to address those issues" from s. 48.981(7)(cr)3.b. in a new sub-section of s. 48.47(8) so that any policy or practice changes or recommendations could be formulated based on multiple sources of information reviewed and analyzed rather than a single Act 78 case. This change would be in line with the Safety Science approach and would allow DCF use learnings from critical incidents to effect positive change on a state level by looking at how systems factors within and across cases affect the decision making and practice of our workforce.

- Adding language to s. 48.981(7)(cr)3.b. to reflect that, in addition to the Act 78 reports, the legislative committees shall review and conduct public hearings that relate to both the child abuse and neglect information and the Act 78 trend information required by the new provisions of s. 48.47(8). Combining the information provided in the annual CAN Report and the Act 78 case review information would allow DCF and legislators to draw on a analyses from a comprehensive array data relating not just to Act 78 cases, but also to child abuse and neglect data more broadly in formulating recommendations and potential legislation to improve the child welfare system in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Report (CAN): ACT 78 Data Mockup

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Examples of Aggregated Act 78 Serious Incident Notifications and Qualifications Data

Table #, below, shows the number of Serious Incident Notifications and qualification decisions. *Example including information here about how Serious Incident Notifications come in and how they are qualified for a Summary Review or Practice Review.*

Table #

Serious Incident Notifications and Qualification Decisions

	Serious Incident Notifications Qualified	Summary Review	Practice Review
BOS	71	52	19
Milwaukee	28	19	9
Total	**99**	**71**	**28**

Table #, below, displays the number of serious incident notifications by incident type. *Example adding information describing/defining the different incident categories (or link to the statute).*

Table #

Serious Incident Notifications by Incident Category

	Egregious	Serious Incident	Death	Suicide OHC	Totals
BOS	11	29	32	0	72
Milwaukee	6	5	16	0	27
Total	**17**	**34**	**48**	**0**	**99**

Example 1 Chart:

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Serious Incident Notifications by Incident Category

Example 2 Chart:

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Serious Incident Notifications by Incident Category
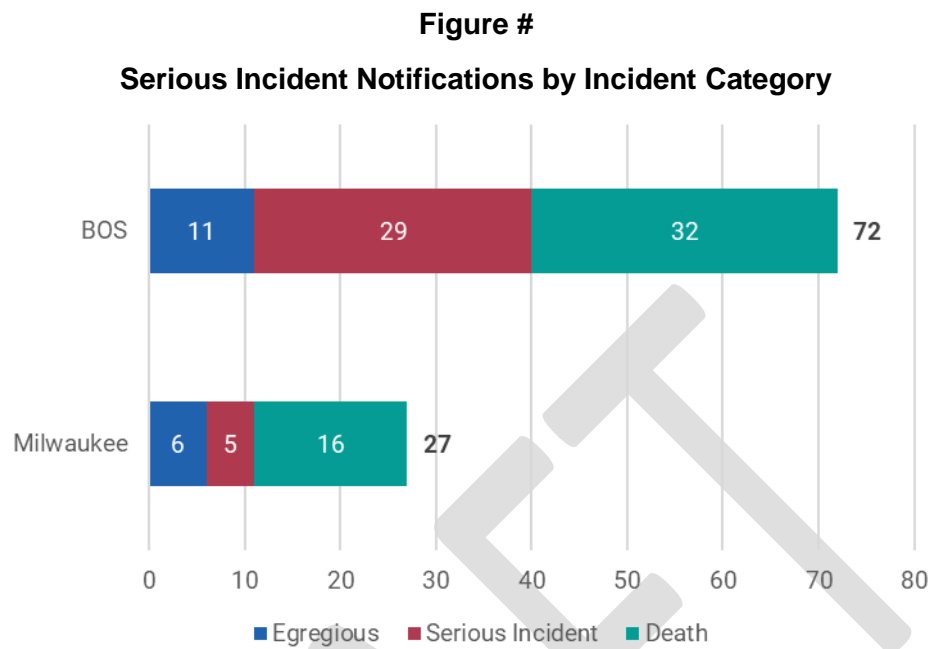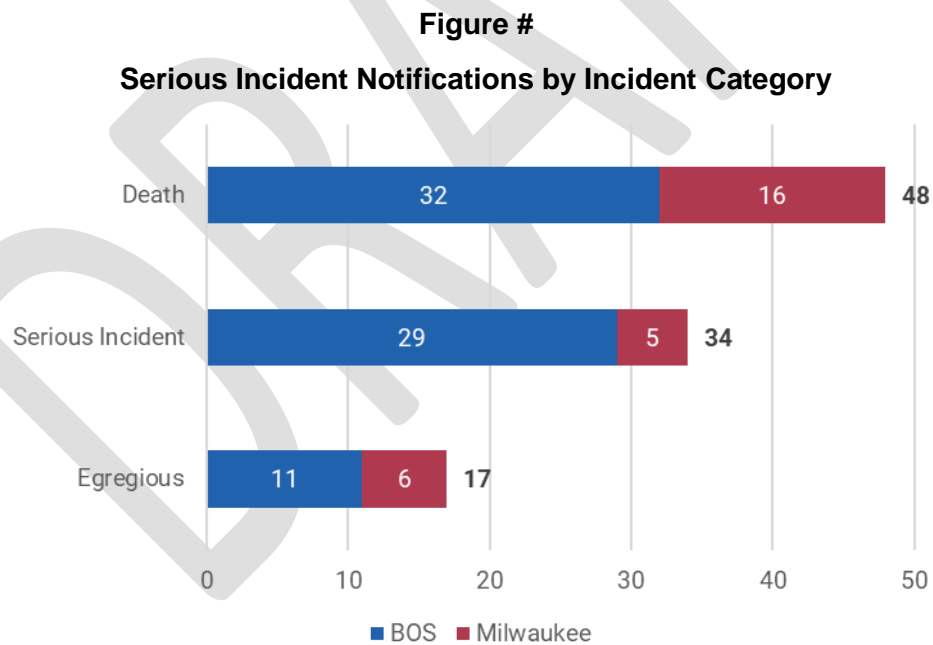
Type of Critical Incident

Table #, below, displays the number of serious incident notifications by critical incident type.

This Example adds information about type of the critical incident and how this information is gathered. Note, this information comes from the 90-day summary reports and is based on findings from medical professionals whom local child welfare agencies collaborate with as part of the Initial Assessment.
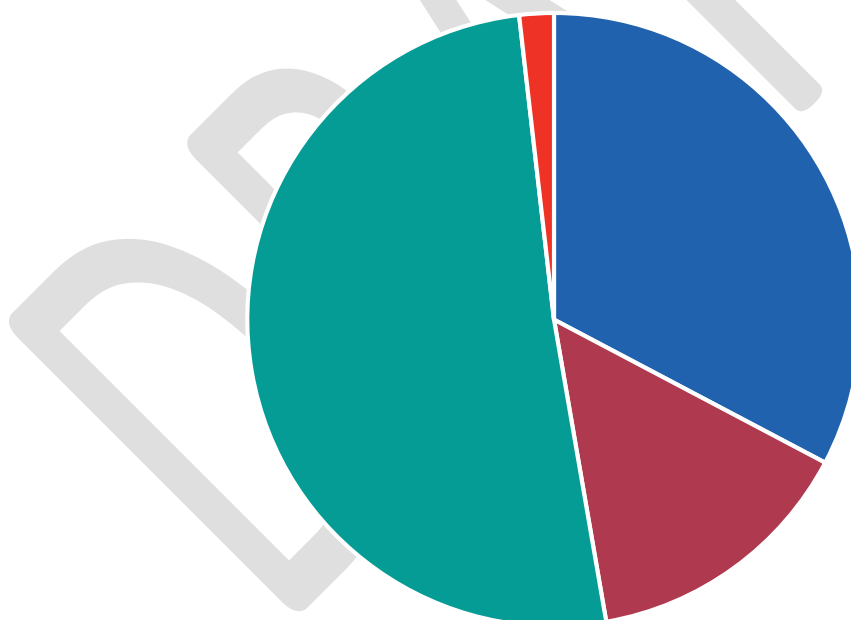
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Serious Incident Notifications by Type of Critical Incident

	Head Injury	Unsafe Sleep	Other Non-Accidental	Death due to Suicide	Totals
BOS					
Milwaukee					
Total					

Figure #

Serious Incident Notifications by Type of Critical Incident

Examples of Aggregated Act 78 Case Demographic Data

Characteristics of Children

Gender & Age

Table #, below, displays the children involved in an Act 78 case by gender and age range.

Table #

Children by Gender and Age

Gender	Age <1-3	Age 4-7	Age 8-11	Age 12-15	Age 16+	Totals
Female						
Male						
Total						

Figure #

Children by Age and Gender
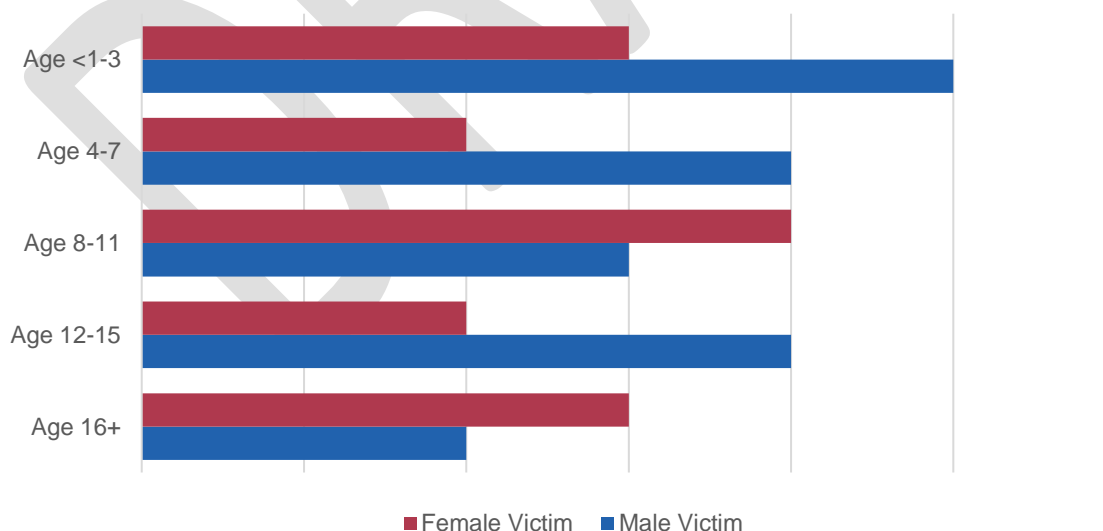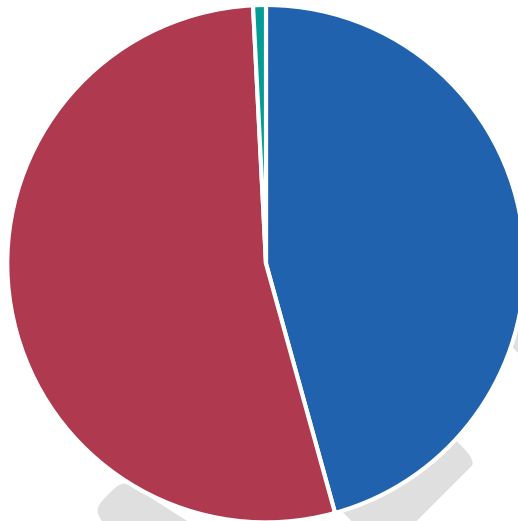

■ Female Victim ■ Male Victim

Figure #, below, displays the gender of children involved in an Act 78 case.

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Children by Gender

Race and Ethnicity

Figure #, below, displays the number of children by race.

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Children by Race
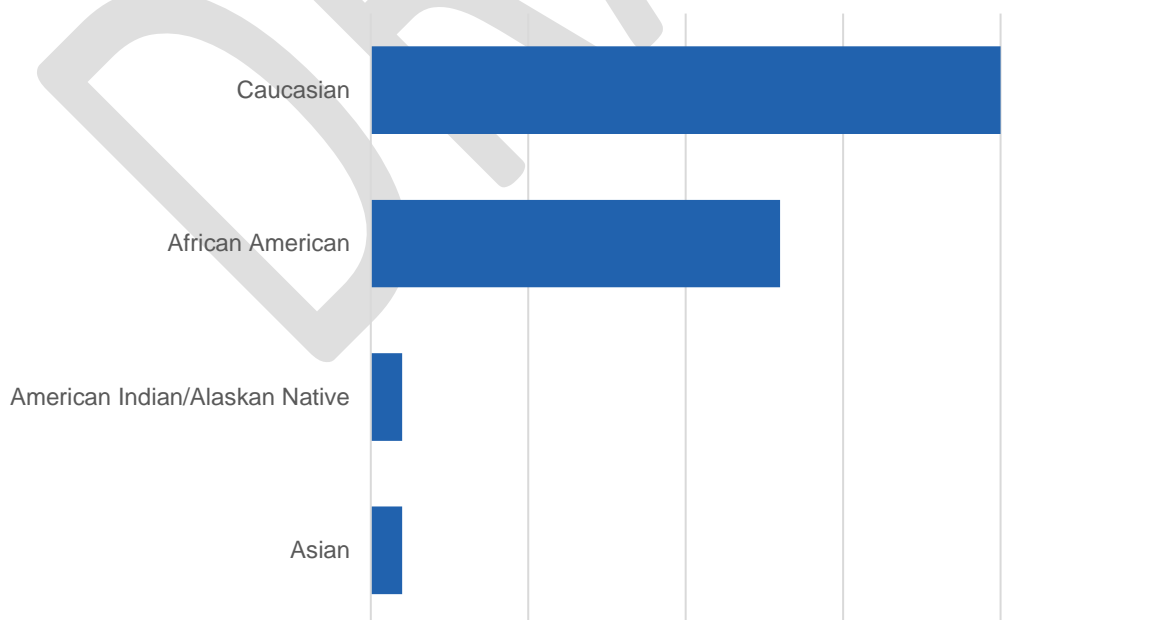
Recommendations for Additional Legislation and Other Actions

This section is already part of the CAN Report. The proposal would be to provide changes and recommendations based on a comprehensive array of data not relating to just act 78 cases, but also to child abuse and neglect data more broadly.

Example Section: Policies and Practices Change related to CAN and Act 78 Analyses

Example Section: Recommendations for Further Change to Rules and Statutes

Example of County Detail Appendix

Table #

Serious Incident Notifications by County and Qualification Decision

County	Count of Serious Incident Notifications	Count of Summary Review	Count of Practice Review
Ashland	0	0	0
Barron	2	2	0
Bayfield	1	1	0
Brown	3	2	1
Burnett	1	1	0
Chippewa	0	0	0
Clark	1	1	0
Columbia	1	1	0
Dane	4	4	0
Dodge	2	2	0
Douglas	1	1	0
Dunn	0	0	0
Eau Claire	2	1	1
Fond du Lac	2	1	1
Forest	1	1	0
Grant	2	1	1
Green	0	0	0
Green Lake	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0
Jackson	1	1	0
Juneau	1	1	0
Kenosha	3	2	1
La Crosse	2	1	1
Lafayette	0	0	0
Langlade	0	0	0
Lincoln	0	0	0
Manitowoc	2	2	0
Marathon	3	2	1
Marinette	1	1	0
Marquette	0	0	0
Milwaukee	28	19	9

Monroe	3	2	1
Oconto	1	1	0
Outagamie	3	2	1
Pierce	0	0	0
Polk	1	0	1
Portage	2	1	1
Racine	2	2	0
Richland	0	0	0
Rock	3	2	1
Rusk	0	0	0
Sauk	2	1	1
Sawyer	0	0	0
Shawano	0	0	0
Sheboygan	3	2	1
St. Croix	1	1	0
Taylor	1	1	0
Trempealeau	1	0	1
Vernon	1	1	0
Walworth	1	1	0
Washington	0	0	0
Waukesha	2	1	1
Winnebago	6	4	2
Wood	2	1	1
Totals	**99**	**71**	**28**