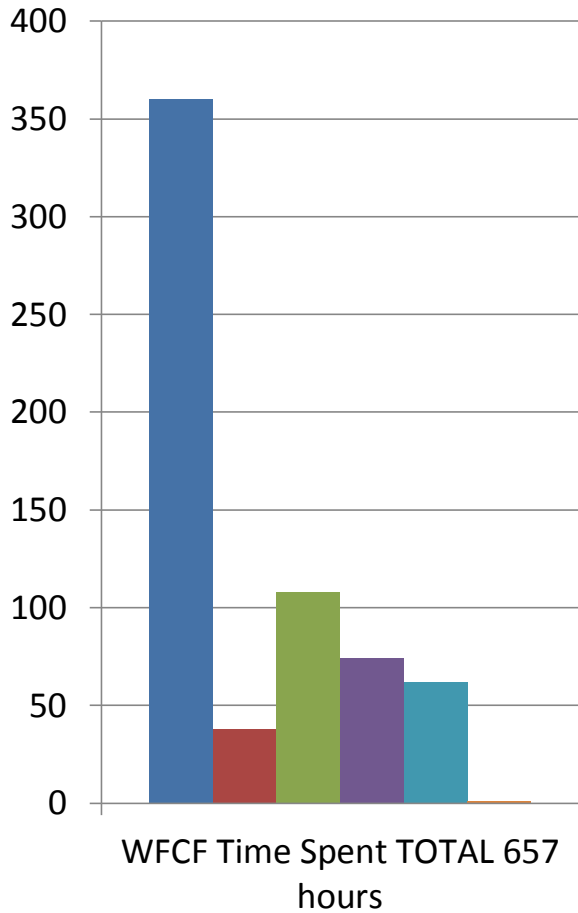


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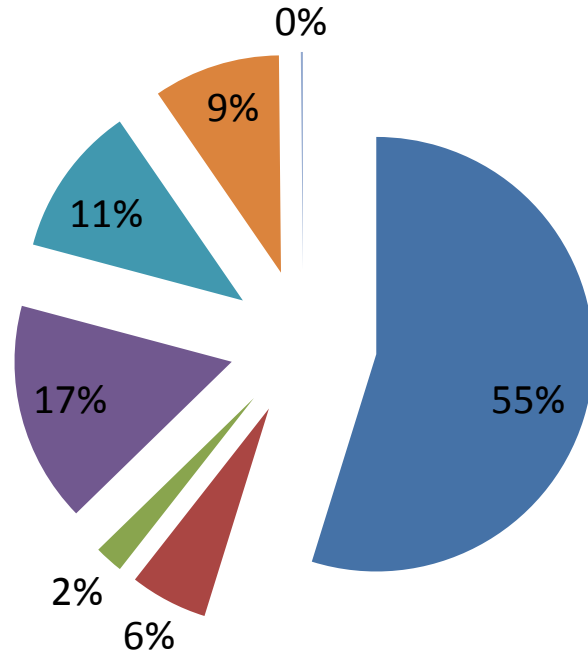
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What **WFCF** did in 2019



- FNO
- Outreach
- Office
- Helpline
- Lobbying
- Fundraising

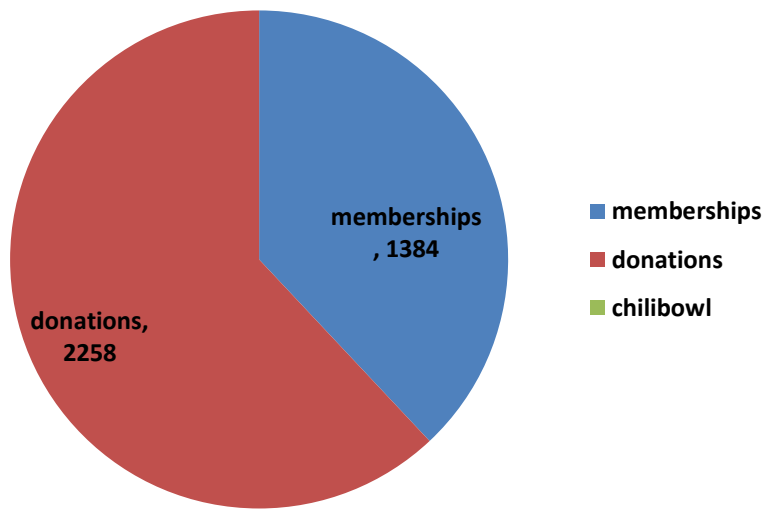
WFCF Time Total
657 hours /2019



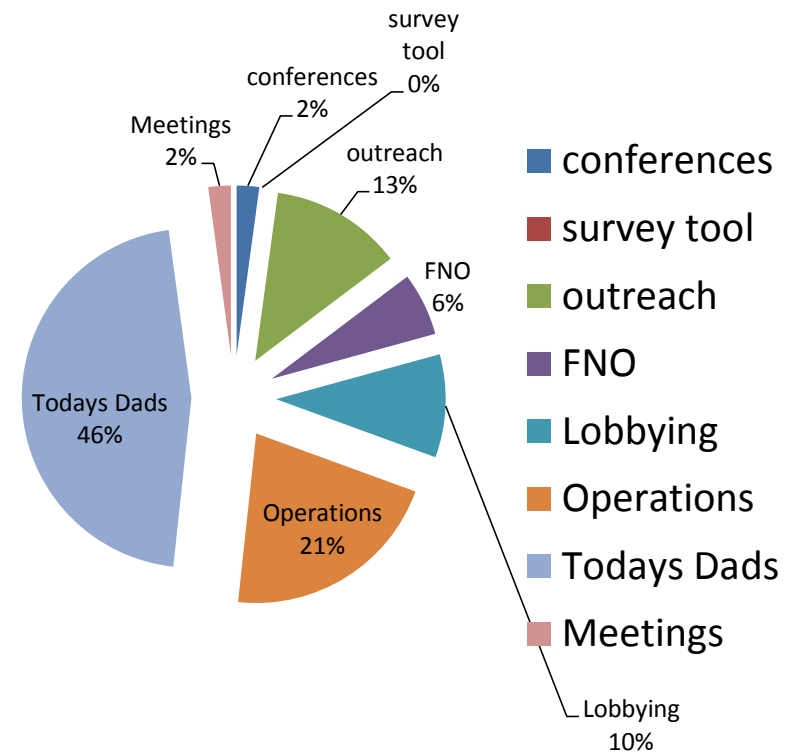
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2019 WFCF Income /Expense

WFCF 2019 Income

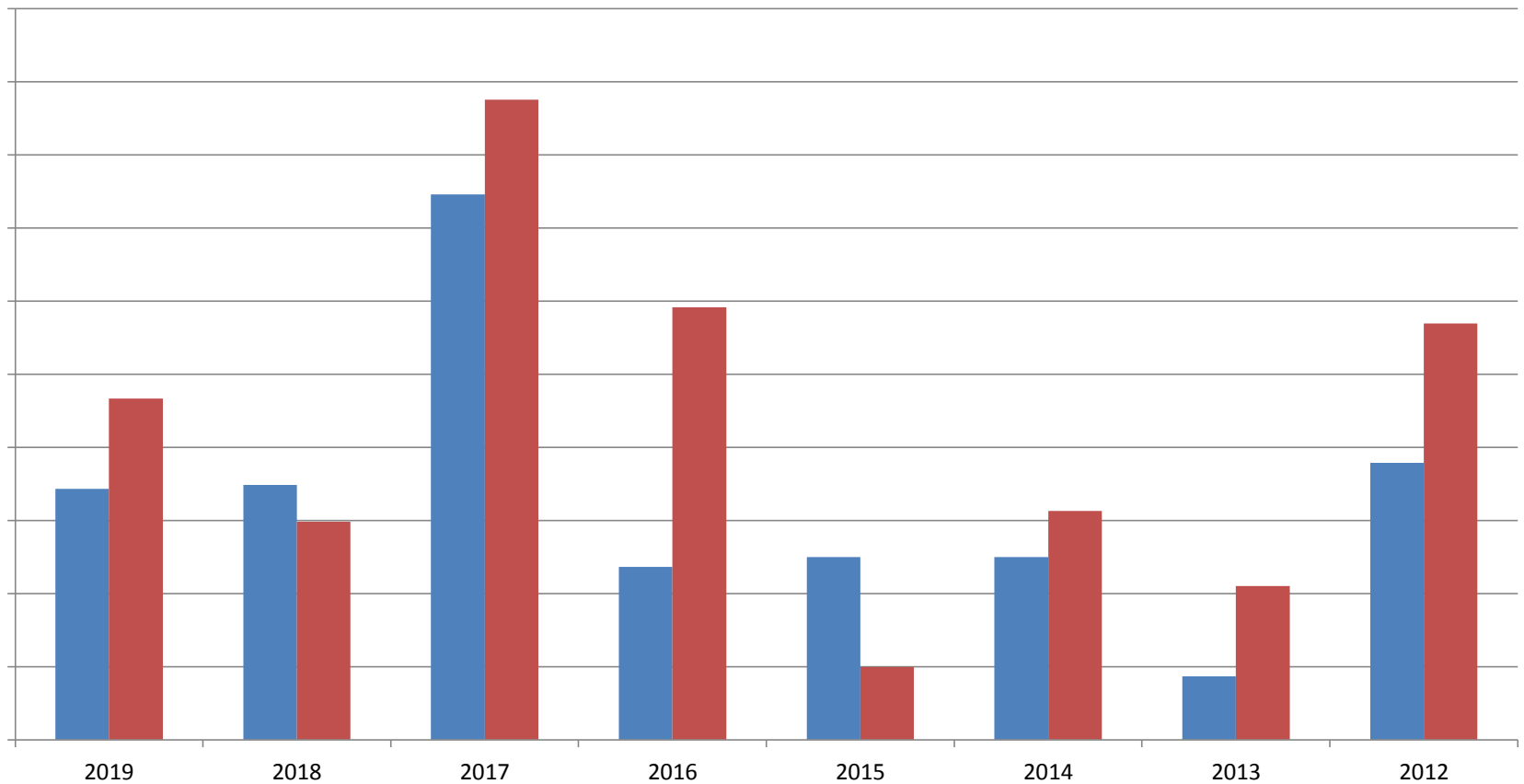


2019 WFCF Spending



Historical **WFCF** Income/Expense

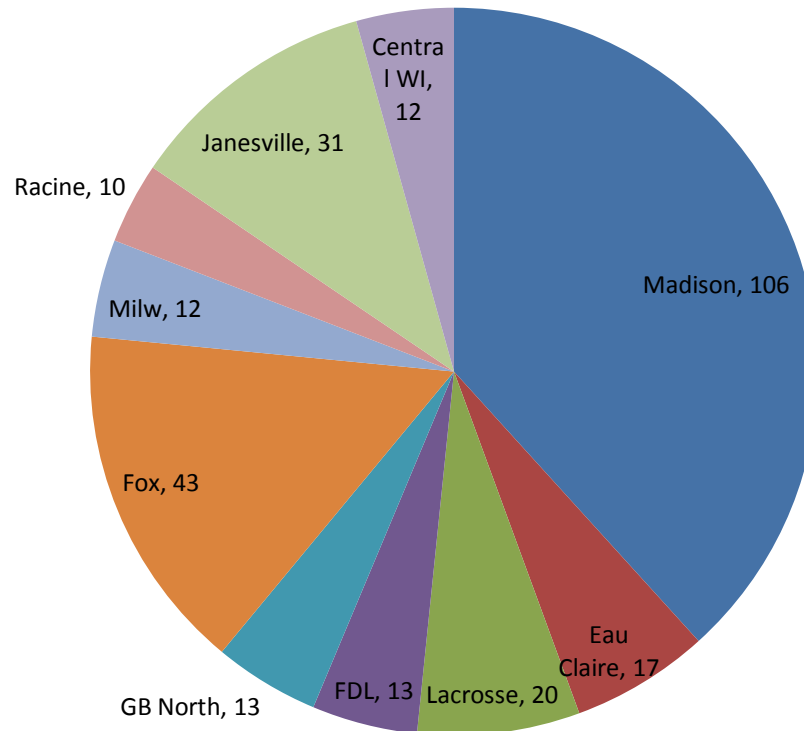
income/expense



FNO meeting attendance

Co-Parents Night Out

FNO attendance 2019





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Co-parents Night Out

Email & phone helpline



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MONTHLY SEPARATED PARENT MEETINGS / TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

WFCF IS NOW OFFERING **120 MEETINGS** IN PERSON MEETINGS ACROSS THE STATE PER YEAR

Milwaukee:

4th Saturday of the month
8 AM - 9:30 AM at:

Milwaukee market

400 Water St. Milw/ upstairs mezzanine

Madison:

Third Monday of the month
6:15 PM at:

World Buffet at South Town Mall
2451 W Broadway, Monona, WI

Fox Valley:

Third Tuesday of the month
6:30 PM at:

El Jarpeo Mexican Restaurant
1727 Freedom Rd, Little Chute, WI

Central WI:

Second Monday of the month
7:30 PM at:

Korner Kitchen
4990 Hwy H, Edgar, WI

NW WI (Eau Claire):

Third Thursday of each month
6:30 PM at:

Taqueria La Poblantia

2436 London Rd, Eau Claire, WI



Green Bay/NE WI:

First Wednesday of the month
6:30 PM at:

Townline Pub

2544 Lineville Rd, Green Bay, WI

La Crosse:

Second Thursday of the month
6:30 PM at:

Sheninigans

2100 Dawson Ave, La Crosse, WI

Janesville:

Second Thursday of the month
6 PM at:

Denny's

2020 Milton Ave, Janesville, WI

Racine:

Third Friday of the month
7:30 PM at:

Asian Buffet

3701 Durand Ave, Racine, WI

Fond du Lac:

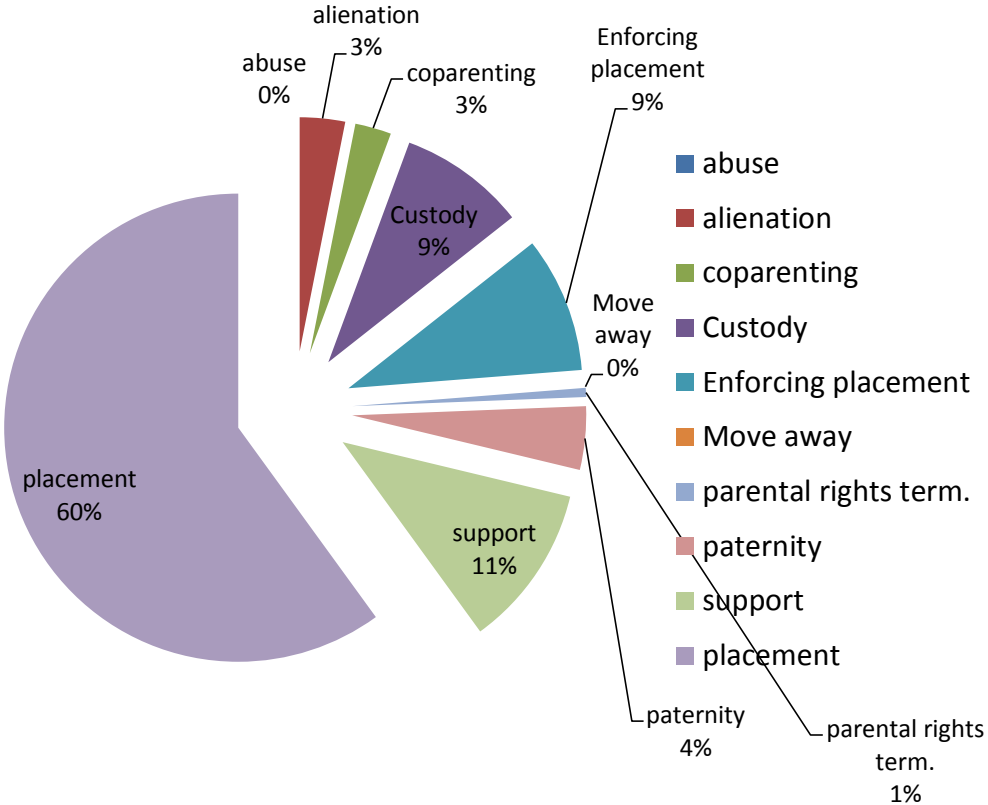
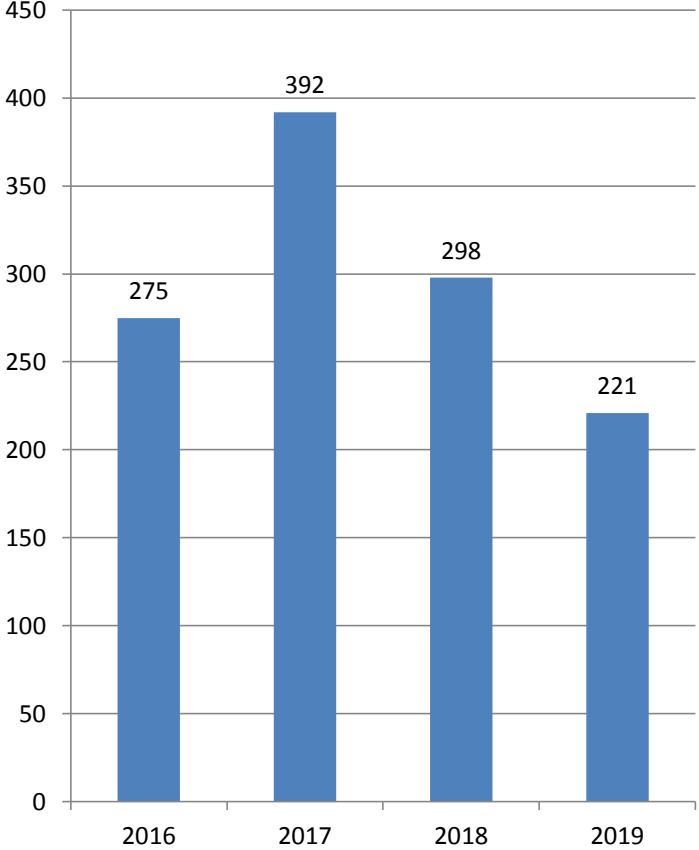
Second Monday of the month
6:30 PM at:

Schmitty's Oar House Bar and Grill
N7044 Winnebago Dr, Fond du Lac, WI

WFCF Helpline (*email*)

2019 Helpline email (221) *69% was about PLACEMENT*

Helpline requests



TODAY'S CO-PARENT

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COVID-19 Co-Parenting Tips

Here are a few tips from Dr. Maggie Kerr, State Specialist with UW-Madison

1. Communicate

Talk with your co-parent and children about the expectations you have for your households about social distancing. Stating your expectations clearly is likely to reduce future conflict. If the children will go between households, each co-parent needs to know who the children will be in contact with at the other house, including other family members and children. Each co-parent needs to know the exposure associated with the people living in the house, including who is still going into work and who may be elderly or immunocompromised. Together, you can decide what works best to keep your families as safe

as possible.

2. Make a plan

Your custody arrangement should be followed, but the Wisconsin Safer at Home order may require additional coordinating. Work with your co-parent to plan for school and day-care closures, travel restrictions, and social distancing. If you are both working full-time at home, consider taking turns with your child so that each parent has some dedicated time to focus. During the Safer at Home order, transporting the child between households is considered an essential activity. Most importantly, communicate your plans to the child so they understand what is

happening. Routines and communication help children feel safe during uncertain times.

3. Be flexible

Your co-parenting plan may need to change on a weekly or daily basis. Be flexible and do not blame the other parent when things need to change. For example, if one of you gets sick, you will need to come up with a new plan. Agree upon other family members who might be able to help with your child if needed

4. Stay in touch

Consider increasing the communication you have with your child via phone, email, video chats, and text during

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Kids NEED BOTH Parents

WFCF solely survives on donations to continue to provide our newsletter, helpline service, and monthly meetings in 10 areas in WI, each month. Donations also make it possible for WFCF to continue talking with our legislators on the benefits of shared parenting for our children, and for

their parents, as well as for society as a whole.

There are several ways to help us (WFCF) continue to provide these services.

JOIN: <http://www.wisconsininfathers.org/join.htm>

VOLUNTEER:

<http://www.wisconsininfathers.org/volunteering.htm>

DONATE:

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bottom of the page for donations.

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POP-talk — podcasts



At left is Peter Kern, who is walking across Wisconsin with a message about discriminatory practices fathers endure after marital break-ups, with hope for changes. Accompanying Kern during the Monroe-Brotherhood segment of the walk is Tony Bichel of Madison.

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- IT'S STARTING!— POP talk podcast: <http://www.wisconsinfathers.org/popcasts/popcast1.mp3>
- TAKE ACTION!— POP talk podcast: <http://www.wisconsinfathers.org/popcasts/popcast2.mp3>
- Where and WHY— POP talk podcast: <http://www.wisconsinfathers.org/popcasts/Popcast3.mp3>
- COURT ??— POP talk podcast: <http://www.wisconsinfathers.org/popcasts/Popcast4.mp3>
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- MORE court— POP talk podcast: <http://www.wisconsinfathers.org/popcasts/Popcast7.mp3>
- Other parent— POP talk podcast: <http://www.wisconsinfathers.org/popcasts/Popcast8.mp3>
- Support — POP talk podcast: <http://www.wisconsinfathers.org/popcasts/Popcast9.mp3>
- GAL's — POP talk podcast: <http://www.wisconsinfathers.org/popcasts/GAL.mp3>
- DV — POP talk podcast: <http://www.wisconsinfathers.org/popcasts/DV.mp3>
- PA & PP — POP talk podcast: <http://www.wisconsinfathers.org/popcasts/PA.mp3>

Legislative bills supported

AB209/SB250 *Co-parenting mandate* - Rep Mursau *DEAD*

Study Committee bills: AB 95, AB 97 and AB 98 could all be on the calendar when the Senate comes back potentially summer 2020

AB 93/AB 672SB 586 *Military member placement rights* *DEAD*

AB 95 *Future Contingency* - Rep Rodriguez/leg council

AB 97 *Cooperation and Communication mandate*

AB 98 *Changing 16 factors* - / written explanation on placement

LAME DUCK session early Dec?

New shared parenting drafts

LRB-5574/P2

2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT *to amend* 767.41 (5) (am) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** the presumption that **shared parenting is in the best interest of the child in determining custody and physical placement.**

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, when a court grants legal custody or periods of physical placement of a child in an action affecting the family, the court is required to consider certain factors pertaining to the best interest of the child. This bill requires the court, when considering the best interest of the child, to **presume that shared parenting is in the best interest of the child.**

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 767.41 (5) (am) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

767.41 **(5)** (am) (intro.) Subject to pars. (bm) and (c), in determining legal custody and periods of physical placement, the court shall consider all facts relevant to the best interest of the child. **The court shall presume that shared parenting is in the best interest of the child.** The court may not prefer one parent or potential custodian over the other on the basis of the sex or race of the parent or potential custodian. Subject to pars. (bm) and (c), the court shall consider the following factors in making its determination:

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to an order granting legal custody or periods of physical placement in an action affecting the family on the effective date of this subsection.

(END) *(State BAR is considering now, and appear to like this bill)*

2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT *to amend* 767.41 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** creating a **presumption that shared physical placement is in the best interest of the child.**

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a court orders sole or joint custody of a child in an action affecting the family, the court must allocate periods of physical placement between the parties. Under current law, a court must set a physical placement schedule that allows a child to have regularly occurring, meaningful periods of physical placement and that maximizes the amount of time for the child to spend with each parent. In determining a physical placement schedule, a court must, in each case, consider a statutory list of best-interest factors. **This bill creates a presumption that shared physical placement is in the best interest of the child.**

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 767.41 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

767.41 **(4)** (a) 2. **Shared physical placement is presumed to be in the best interest of the child. In determining the allocation of periods of physical placement, the court shall consider each case on the basis of the factors in sub. (5) (am), subject to sub. (5) (bm). In any temporary or permanent order for physical placement,** the court shall set a placement schedule that allows the child to have regularly occurring, meaningful periods of physical placement with each parent and that maximizes the amount of time the child may spend with each parent, taking into account geographic separation and accommodations for different households.

****NOTE: Note that the factors under s. 767.41 already apply to temporary orders under s. 767.225 (1) (am), but we can include this language for emphasis.

SECTION 2.0Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to actions or proceedings that are commenced on the effective date of this subsection.

(END)

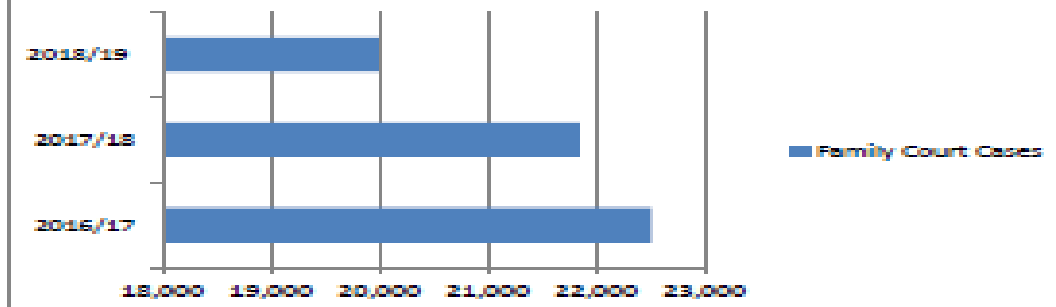


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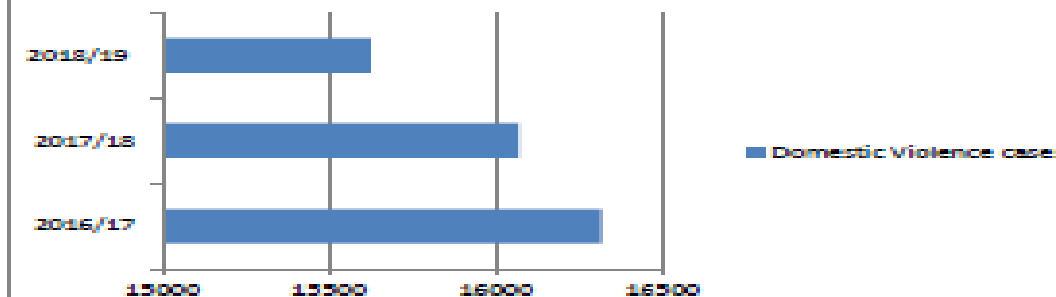
2017 KY adds presumption of equal shared placement for temporary placement orders as a child's best interest

2018 KY adds presumption of equal shared placement in final placement orders as a child's best interest

KY Family Court Cases



KY Domestic Violence cases



2020 WECE Board Members

President: Tony Bickel - VP: Rick Friszer - Government Affairs: Alan Frey - CNO Director: Mary Clano
Grants: John Rindfleisch - Members: Chuck George, Jonathon Koch, Aaron Bratt

WFCF "COPARENT'S Night Out" 10 network and support meetings monthly in Wisconsin - scan QR Code or visit our website for locations, schedule, contacts



2020-2021 **WFCF** actions

- 1 Do we incorporate ZOOM **FNO meetings** 2 times or more a month? Who would do these? Do we discontinue some of the lesser attended physical FNO meetings?
- 2 WFCF is on the **Child Support Advisory Meetings** cancelled, in **2021** now.
- 3 We need a new **Newsletter Editor** and point person
- 4 HELPLINE message responses, **Jon Koch** has stepped up to help answering these requests and is *shadowing* for a couple of months to learn where the links to info
- 5 Lobbying in 2021, we will have **5** old bills likely and at least **2** new ones to promote. Late **Jan 21** lobbying day as well as a follow up day **March 21**
- 6 We need to have **2 board members** step up to learn the **database system** WFCF uses in 2020.
- 7 We also need **two different board members** to step up and learn the **treasurer actions** (*not a lot of action*) **the banking info, and the storage shed access** in 2020.

WFCF board members 2019/2020

2019

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Mary Ciano

Kevin Monahan

Chuck George

Alan Frey

John Rindfleisch

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