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RACINE COUNTY RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PERFORMANCE

Racine – Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary Eloise Anderson recognized Racine County and 33 other Wisconsin counties for excellence in administering the Wisconsin Shares child care subsidy program. Wisconsin Shares supports low-income working families by subsidizing a portion of their child care costs while parents and caregivers work or participate in other approved activities. This recognition reflects a very high level of accuracy in the authorizations and eligibility determinations of this program, and highlights that Racine County gives the right benefits to the right people at the right time.

"We pride ourselves on providing timely, family-focused service to ensure local families have safe and regulated child care in place while they work or prepare for work," Racine County Director of Human Services Hope Otto shared. "Families have peace of mind knowing their children are in quality child care programs, and our local economy thrives because families are able to secure and maintain employment."

Per the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Wisconsin Shares helped over 45,000 Wisconsin families pay for child care in 2016. In Racine County, approximately 1820 families with 3414 children received Wisconsin Shares in 2016.

Racine County administers Wisconsin Shares through the Wisconsin Racine Kenosha Partnership, a consortium that provides residents easy access to State and Federal programs. For more information, visit www.racinecounty.com/ess or call 1.888.794.5820.

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