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Wisconsin Family Ties Applauds Release of Mental Health Funds for Comprehensive Community Services

Madison, WI, May 7, 2014 – Wisconsin Family Ties congratulates Governor Walker and the Joint Committee on Finance on yesterday's action to release funds for Comprehensive Community Services (CCS). With the approval of this final piece in the governor's mental health initiative, Wisconsin counties will be able to provide significantly increased access to needed mental health services across the state. The disparities that have existed in available mental health services from one county to the next will be greatly diminished.

The CCS program offers assistance to both children and adults with mental health and/or substance use issues, providing flexible services to help individuals thrive in their own homes and communities.

"On behalf of the families we serve, Wisconsin Family Ties thanks the many individuals in the Department of Health Services, county human services departments, mental health agencies, and the governor's administration who exhibited extraordinary commitment to seeing this through," said Hugh Davis, executive director at Wisconsin Family Ties. "In releasing these funds, the Joint Committee on Finance puts the final seal of approval on a crucial investment for improving mental health for both children and adults in Wisconsin."

About Wisconsin Family Ties

Wisconsin Family Ties, Wisconsin's family voice for children's mental health, is a parent-run nonprofit serving families that include children with social, emotional or behavioral challenges. Founded in 1987, its mission is to enhance lives by promoting children's mental health.

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