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## **WCCF Commends Progress on Budget**

The Wisconsin Council on Children and Families (WCCF) today expressed their appreciation for the efforts of Gov. Doyle and leaders in the State Legislature to move forward on the overdue state budget. WCCF is hopeful that the intensive discussions currently taking place will prove fruitful in promptly resolving the differences between the Senate and Assembly versions of the budget.

“It’s clear that legislative leaders and the governor understand how much is at stake,” said WCCF Executive Director Charity Eleson. “Every additional week that passes further hampers the ability of county agencies, school districts, and other local service providers to do their jobs-- jobs that are critical to the well-being of the state’s kids and families.”

Further delays in the state budget could have a devastating effect on a wide array of institutions and agencies, such as nursing homes, courts and county human services departments. In many cases, local taxpayers would have to fill the funding gaps being created by the late arrival of state dollars.

“We’re encouraged by the progress being made on the budget, but there is much work left to be done,” Eleson said. “Wisconsin’s families are counting on their elected officials to finish the job quickly.”