

**Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners
Health Systems Workgroup of the Early Childhood Professional Development Initiative**



**Mission and Vision of the Health Systems Workgroup of PDI
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Mission: All early care and education and health care related professionals (early childhood professionals) working with young children have the attitude, knowledge and skills to promote optimal early childhood growth and development through:

- Linking activities and practices of health care and early education and care professionals to promote common knowledge and core competencies based on well articulated principles, consensus expert opinions, and empirical evidence.
- Promoting communication and collaboration among professional development entities, organizations, and associations to promote cross-system and cross-disciplinary professional development.
- Promoting increased learning opportunities specific to early childhood development within discipline specific pre-service and in-service professional development.
- Recruiting and retaining a diverse health care workforce committed to careers with infants, young children and their families.

Wisconsin Early Childhood Collaborating Partners: Professional Development Initiative

Proposed Vision:

To create a coordinated professional development system for children from birth to 8 years for professionals working with young children and their families.

- A coordinated statewide system comprised of the programs and people that support young children and their families including:
 - Early Care and Education
 - Family Support
 - Medical and Health Care
 - Mental Health
 - Parent Partnerships and Education
- To develop, align and utilize core competencies in early childhood programming.
- To design a coordinated statewide cross discipline training and technical assistance system.
- To enhance linkages with higher education.
- To promote professional development across fields, disciplines and systems.