



SAFE HARBOR CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER, INC.

March 11, 2009

The Honorable Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin
U.S. House of Representatives
2446 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Letter of Support

Dear Congresswoman Baldwin:

This letter of support is submitted on behalf of the Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center and the Green County Child Advocacy Center who are submitting an Appropriations Request Form to request consideration for earmark funding to support the work the agencies are doing to help children and families who are victims of child abuse. These two agencies are the only child advocacy centers located in Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District. The application is being submitted jointly and the Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center will serve as the fiscal agent for this project in the event a decision is made to fund this request.

The Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center and the Green County Advocacy Center are committed to improving the health and well-being of children and families living in the communities we serve. In Dane County alone in 2008, 4,402 reports of alleged child abuse or neglect were made to the Dane County Department of Human Services. The incidence of abuse and neglect in Wisconsin continues to be a pervasive problem. Our agencies are focused on providing both direct services to child victims and their protective caregivers as well as facilitating child abuse prevention efforts to help make our communities healthier and safer places for children to live. Research has shown that the potential for children who are victims of abuse or neglect to grow into healthy, functioning adults is greatly compromised if they do not receive appropriate medical and mental health services that will help them deal with the trauma of the abuse. This application is being submitted to request funding to support the work both agencies are doing to help these children and their families live healthy, productive lives.

Thank you for all you are doing to help the residents of Wisconsin and thank you also for your consideration in reviewing our earmark appropriation request.

Sincerely,

Brenda Nelson

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Executive Director