

## Bureau of Children's Services Statewide Conference

### *Connecting for Kids*

**Audience:** Program managers and staff who provide direct care management for participants enrolled in children's programs

November 5–6, 2024

Chula Vista Resort

Wisconsin Dells, WI

Tuesday, November 5: Preconference sessions begin in the afternoon

- Check-in: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sessions: 1 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6: Full day of sessions

- Check-in (if not joining on Nov. 5): 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. (help desk will be open throughout day for questions)
- Sessions: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Keynote: Dr. Mary Ehlenbach (November 6)**

- Mary Ehlenbach, MD, is a pediatrician and the O'Connor Family Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She is the co-founder and medical director of the Pediatric Complex Care Program at UW Health Kids in Madison, WI. She also serves as Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion for the UW Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Ehlenbach's professional interests include optimizing the health, well-being, and experience of care for children with medical complexity. Additionally, she is committed to promoting an environment of inclusion, accessibility, equity, and anti-racism.

### Conference presentations

The two-day conference is focusing on three overarching themes addressing:

- Care coordination/best practice
- Enhancing professional knowledge of program/policy
- Understanding family perspectives

Presentations will include discussions on these and other topics, and more:

- Programs and policy, including:
  - Wisconsin Wayfinder, the Goal Card project, The Medical home model, school-based services, Respite Care Association of Wisconsin, Employment supports, Medicaid programs and services, Deaf and Hard of Hearing & Visual Impairment
- Professional growth opportunities, including:
  - Complex Medical Care (CMC) Program, infant mental health, growing your local professional development program, partnering with child welfare to assure health/safety of children, Early Choice Matter
- Care Coordination/best practices, including:
  - Transition planning of youth to adulthood, strengths- and evidence-based home visiting, models, county-to-county transfer and moves between programs, Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) functional screens, family perspectives