

## The Basics: Nothing About Us Without Us

Improvement to mental health services, education, child welfare, and juvenile justice will occur when policies and programs are driven by parents and young adults who have experienced the ins and outs of these systems. This “lived experience” is the guiding foundation for collective impact activities.

Staff at the Wisconsin Office of Children’s Mental Health and the Department of Health Services provide additional support in the following ways:

- Orientation
- Mentorship and leadership skill-building
- Preparation for and debriefing after meetings
- Training in concepts such as trauma-informed care, systems of care, and family-driven care
- Stipend for expert consultation and reimbursement for travel costs

## Interested in Learning More?

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The Wisconsin Office of Children’s Mental Health serves as the backbone, coordinating and facilitating the Wisconsin Children’s Mental Health Collective Impact initiative.



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**Collective Impact  
Partners  
“CIPs”**

*“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”*

*- Helen Keller*



### Collective Impact Meetings

CIPs lead or participate in all or some of the following activities:

- Every-other-month Executive Council meetings
- Monthly workgroups
- Periodic special activities such as summits, workshops, conferences, and media events

### What Collective Impact Partners Do

- Lead or participate in meetings and workgroups
- Choose and monitor solution-oriented action steps
- Provide technical assistance to stakeholders interested in including the insights of parent and young adults in policy and program development
- Become change agents in their local community mental health activities
- Orient and mentor incoming CIPs

### What is Collective Impact?

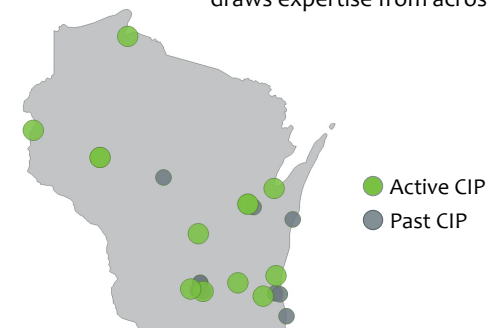
Collective Impact is an organizing approach used to address complex social issues and is defined by five key characteristics:

- a common agenda
- shared measures
- mutually reinforcing activities
- continuous communication
- a backbone organization

Simply put, a consistent group of stakeholders use data to identify root causes of an issue; then the group implements joint solutions and monitors outcomes by using shared measures.

### Representing Wisconsin Parents & Young Adults

The Children's Mental Health Collective Impact draws expertise from across the state.



*'There is power in Wisconsin's motto, "Forward" and this concept is the epitome of the Children's Mental Health Collective Impact process.'*

*Collective impact brings together a diverse group of people who are creating a forward direction that will lead to a healthier and more prosperous Wisconsin.'*

*- Tina Buhrow,  
Collective Impact Parent*

*"If you want to go fast, go alone;  
if you want to go far, go together."*

*- African Proverb*

