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Mary Pat Bohn, Interim Director  
Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare  
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Dear Ms. Bohn :

The Division of Safety and Permanence (DSP) received the 2008 Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council Citizen Review Panel (CRP) annual report and will include this information in the 2009 Federal Children and Family Services Plan. This is the written response required by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act that DSP must provide regarding the recommendations of the panel.

***The Health Committee of the Milwaukee Citizen Review Panel recommends that the DSP institute a statewide requirement that all child in out-of-home care be provided with a well child check based on the EPSDT periodicity table.***

Childhood is a time of rapid growth and change and the goal of well-child health assessments is to determine whether a child's needs at different ages, stages, and periods of growth are being met. At these appointments, a child's health care needs and developmental milestones are fully evaluated in order to provide routine and preventative. Additionally, these assessments also provide caregivers with guidance and education to assist in understanding the health and wellness needs of children in their care. Since an overall understanding of the purpose of well-child assessments is important for child welfare staff, the DSP will seek ways to provide statewide education on this issue.

Please contact me or the Case Practice Review Specialist if you would like additional support or if you need assistance with specific CRP activities. We value our citizen review panels and the important work that we do in partnership to enhance child protective services for Wisconsin's children and families.

Thank you for your timely submission of this annual report, and your continued dedication to the Citizen Review Panel.

Sincerely,

Cyrus A. Behroozi, Administrator  
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