

# Kinship Care- Out of Home Placements and Benefits

Foodshare

Badgercare

Childcare

## Foodshare?

- ✓ **Court ordered KC:** The children must be included in the Caretaker Relative's FoodShare assistance group
- ✓ **Voluntary KC:** Depending on the placement schedule, the child may or may not be in the Caretaker Relative's assistance group. The child may be moving back and forth between two or more households. When it is unclear which household has primary placement, agencies must apply the Joint or Shared Physical Custody of Children policy to determine which FoodShare assistance group to include the child in
- ✓ Kinship payment is counted as unearned income of the child

## Wisconsin Shares?

- ✓ **Court ordered with Kinship payment:** Caretaker Relative's income not counted, but the income of the child's parent(s) is counted
- ✓ **Court ordered without Kinship payment and all Non-Court order placements:** Income is counted of the Caretaker relative and other individuals in the assistance group
- ✓ **Self-Employed Caretaker Relative with Court Order and Kinship Payment:** Not subject to minimum wage calculation. Authorizations must be based on the parent's stated need (up to 50 hours per week including travel time) regardless of the business being new or ongoing

## BadgerCare?

- ✓ Caretaker relative should apply for the child in non-court ordered placements
- ✓ Income of the Caretaker relative will not count unless the relative is claiming the child as a tax dependent
- ✓ If there is a court order, the child is automatically eligible for Medicaid without having to apply for BadgerCare

\*\*\*The Kinship Care payment amount is \$375 per child per month\*\*\*