

# Levels of Government

The following chart illustrates the powers and rights of each level of government, as well as the social policies and programming that each funds and implements and the ways in which each level of department reaches children. The chart is by no means comprehensive, but it will assist in determining which level of government to target for particular advocacy issues.

§ = Funder      Δ = Implementer

	Federal	State	County/Municipality
General Powers and Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Print Money</li> <li>Declare War</li> <li>Establish Army or Navy</li> <li>Enter into treaties with foreign governments</li> <li>Regulate commerce between states and international trade</li> <li>Establish post offices and issue postage</li> <li>Make laws necessary to enforce the constitution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish Local Government</li> <li>Issue Licenses</li> <li>Regulate intrastate commerce</li> <li>Conduct elections</li> <li>Ratify amendments to the U.S. Constitution</li> <li>Provide for public health &amp; safety</li> <li>Exercise powers neither delegated to the national government nor prohibited from the states by the U.S. Constitution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parks &amp; Recreation</li> <li>Police &amp; Fire Departments</li> <li>Housing Services</li> <li>Emergency Medical Services</li> <li>Municipal Courts</li> <li>Transportation Services</li> <li>Public Works</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting up courts</li> <li>Creating and collecting taxes</li> <li>Building highways</li> <li>Borrowing Money</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making and enforcing laws</li> <li>Chartering banks and corporations</li> <li>Spending money for the betterment of the general welfare</li> <li>Taking (condemning) private property with just compensation</li> </ul>	
Social Policy & Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unemployment Compensation §</li> <li>Child Support (§ May Supplement)</li> <li>Temporary Assistance to Need Families (TANF) §</li> <li>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) §</li> <li>School Lunch &amp; Breakfast Programs §Δ</li> <li>Housing Vouchers §</li> <li>Earned Income Tax Credit § Δ</li> <li>Old Age Insurance (OAI) Δ</li> <li>Disability Insurance (SSDI) Δ</li> <li>Social Security Income (SSI) § Δ</li> <li>Medicare Δ</li> <li>Medicaid §</li> <li>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance §</li> <li>Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) §</li> <li>Child Care Subsidy §</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unemployment Compensation § Δ</li> <li>Worker's Compensation Δ</li> <li>Child Support Δ</li> <li>Temporary Assistance to Need Families (TANF) § Δ</li> <li>Earned Income Tax Credit § Δ (May Supplement)</li> <li>Social Security Income (SSI) § Δ (May Supplement)</li> <li>Medicaid § Δ</li> <li>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Δ</li> <li>Housing Vouchers §</li> <li>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Δ</li> <li>Homestead Tax Credit §</li> <li>Child Care Subsidy § Δ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporary Assistance to Need Families (TANF) Δ</li> <li>SNAP Δ</li> <li>School Lunch &amp; Breakfast Programs Δ</li> <li>Housing Vouchers § Δ</li> <li>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Δ</li> </ul>
Child and Family Issues in Wisconsin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SNAP (in WI FoodShare) §</li> <li>WIC §</li> <li>TANF (in WI W-2) §</li> <li>CHIP (in WI BadgerCare+) §</li> <li>Child Care Subsidy (in WI WisconsinShares) §</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FoodShare Δ</li> <li>WIC Δ</li> <li>Child Care Licensing</li> <li>Quality Improvement Rating System (QIRS, in WI YoungStar)</li> <li>BadgerCare+ § (May Supplement)</li> <li>WisconsinShares § Δ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Care Certification</li> <li>FoodShare Δ</li> <li>WIC (May Δ)</li> <li>BadgerCare + Δ</li> <li>WisconsinShares Δ</li> </ul>