Where can I find information about progress on the project? Information will be posted on the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System website. http://wcwpds.wisc.edu/

Who should I contact if I have questions or want to contribute to the project? Please contact Christy Pomerening, WCWPDS Business Services at pomerening@wisc.edu (608) 890-0976.
Why is an LMS needed?
Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System (WCWPDS) needs a modern, easy to use, online learning management system (LMS) to develop a coordinated and collaborative approach to online learning and classroom training across the state.

How will an LMS help learners with their professional development needs?
Learners, supervisors, trainers, case workers, and foster parents will have a one-stop shop to training offered by WCWPDS. They will be able to:

- quickly find and register for training
- track all their learning with a personal training transcript including professional development activities not posted on the LMS, and
- stay informed of the latest and priority training.

What is the timeline for the project?
The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be posted on the State of Wisconsin VendorNet System at the beginning of March. In April, the proposals will be evaluated and selected vendors will be invited to demo their software in May. A vendor will be awarded in June and then the implementation and testing phase will begin. The LMS will go live in October and be ready for full implementation by December 2011.

Will the LMS and eWiSACWIS be compatible?
The LMS that is chosen will be able to import data from eWiSACWIS eliminating the need for duplication of data. It is anticipated that the LMS will be used as the training component of eWiSACWIS.

What features are expected out of the LMS?
A needs assessment was conducted across Wisconsin in the Fall of 2010 to compile the features needed for the LMS to be successful. The requirements that the RFP lists includes the following highlights:

- an easy to use interface for learners and trainers
- ability to import data from eWiSACWIS
- performance data tracking
- customizable instances for sites
- user profile to collect learner demographics and flag courses
- searchable calendar for training
- communication tools to enhance collaboration
- educational technology tools that enhance and assess learning (i.e. quizzes)
- ability to invoice end users based on profile information
- registration system that allows for auto enrollment and supervisor approval
- support a variety of media types
- content authoring and digital repository for course materials, and
- standard and customizable reports.

Who will be working on the project?
Staff from the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System are on the team as representatives from the regional training partnership and DCF. The Division of Information Technology, Professional Technical Education, will coordinate the RFP process and will serve as technology consultants.