

## Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement Association

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## Rep. Brooks Named 2019 WCSEA Legislator of the Year

The Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement Association (WCSEA) presented Representative Rob Brooks with the 2019 WCSEA Legislator of the Year award on Thursday due to his work as Chair of the Legislative Council Study Committee on Child Placement and Support.

"Representative Brooks demonstrated incredible leadership skills as Chair of the Study Committee on Child Placement and Support. After the Study Committee adjourned, he continued to work with county child support agencies to ensure that Wisconsin's children and families have access to high-quality economic support services," said WCSEA President Deb Barnes.

The Study Committee on Child Placement and Support met during the 2018 Legislative Interim and was comprised of 13 diverse members including legislators, child support professionals, court commissioners, a judge, fathers' rights groups and domestic violence advocates. Twelve pieces of legislation were drafted as the result of the Committee's work, including several pieces of legislation that have a positive impact on the child support program and the individuals it serves.

"Representative Brooks took the time to gain an in-depth understanding of Child Support and related issues. He showed tremendous skill in helping potentially disparate groups work together and to find consensus in the face of challenging public policy questions," said Milwaukee County Child Support Director Jim Sullivan, who served on the Study Committee.

WCSEA presented Representative Brooks with the 2019 Legislator of the Year Award as its annual Fall Conference and Banquet in Middleton, Wisconsin on Thursday evening.