

Democratic radio "Children's Caucus Seeks Evidence-Based Solutions"

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STEVENS POINT, WI – Today, Senator Julie Lassa (D–Stevens Point) offered the following Democratic Weekly Radio Address on Wisconsin's first Legislative Children's Caucus.

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The audio file of this week's address can be found here:

<http://media2.legis.wisconsin.gov/multimedia/Sen24/lassaradio4.7.16.mp3>

A written transcript of the address is below:

"This is State Senator Julie Lassa. Next week, I will join a bipartisan group of legislators to announce the organization of Wisconsin's first Legislative Children's Caucus. The goal of the caucus will be to research and advocate for promising, evidence-based public policy that will improve the quality of life for all Wisconsin's children.

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"A recent University of Wisconsin analysis showed that more than a quarter of a million Wisconsin children live in poverty, and the state's increase in childhood poverty is one of the fastest growing in the nation. This will not only lead to long-term health and economic problems for them; it will also contribute to a host of social problems and increased costs for all of us. I hope the work of the Children's Caucus will help legislators better understand these challenges and find effective solutions to improve the lives of all children and build a better

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