

Save Our Babies: Reducing Infant Mortality by Preventing Prematurity

In 2013:

414

Wisconsin babies died before blowing out their first birthday candle.

854

Wisconsin babies were born small enough to be held in one hand.

6,653

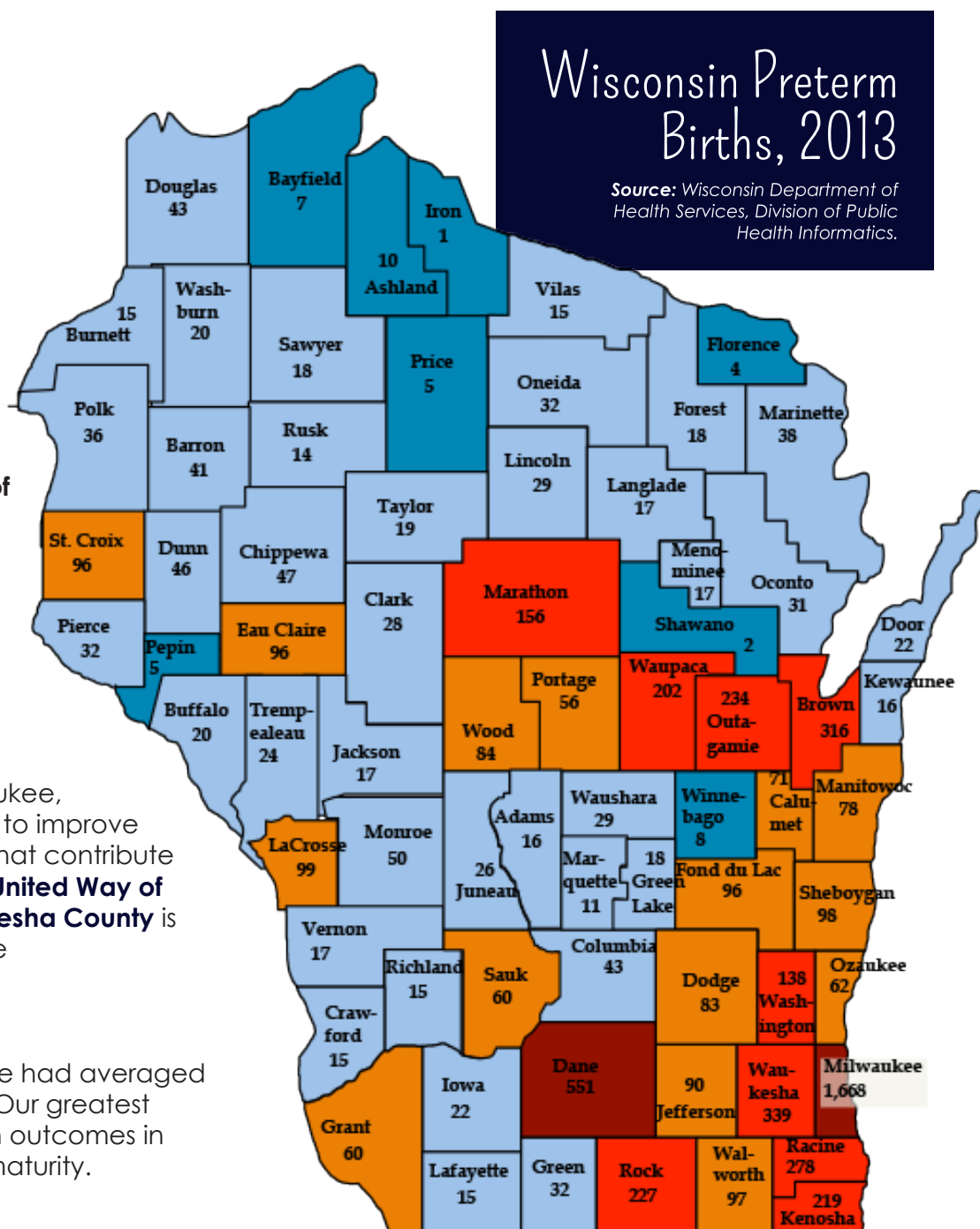
Wisconsin babies were born prematurely.

Prematurity costs the state of Wisconsin over \$400 million dollars each year. Families experience prematurity in every county in Wisconsin.

The Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF) is a coordinated effort in Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Beloit to improve the community conditions that contribute to healthy birth outcomes. **United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County** is coordinating The Milwaukee LIHF Collaborative.

In Milwaukee:

During 2009-2011, Milwaukee had averaged 106 infant deaths per year. Our greatest opportunity to improve birth outcomes in Wisconsin is to prevent prematurity.



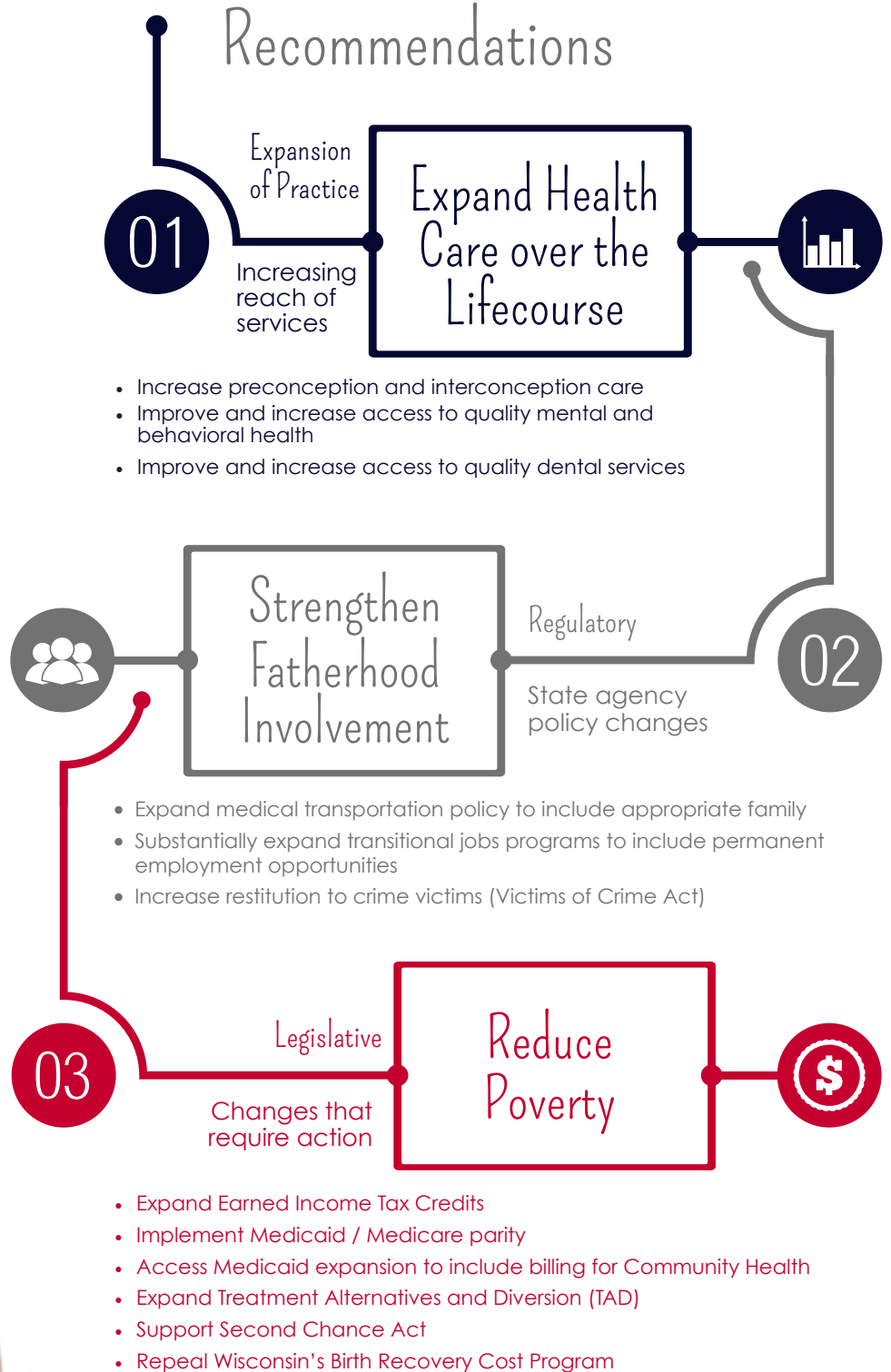
Our Ask:

We are requesting a Legislative Council Study Committee on prevention of premature births to:

- Consider recommendations to address risk factors that contribute to prematurity.
- Inform legislation that expands practice, improves state agency efficiency and advances economic security for families in Wisconsin.



Recommendations



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