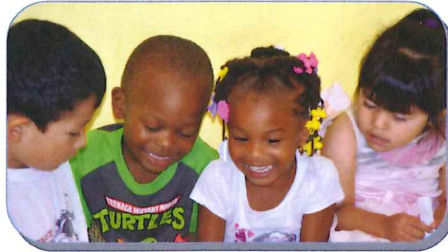


# Dane County Parent Council, Inc

*Empowering Children and Families ~ Building Our Community*

## The Head Start Program

Head Start is a comprehensive preschool program that focuses on promoting school readiness through positive social and educational skill development for our children. Head Start provides health, educational, nutritional, social emotional and other services to children and families to support their success. Teachers, in partnership with parents, encourage children to develop self-confidence and a belief in their abilities to succeed. Services are provided via home-based, part-day center-based and full-day center-based options. The full-day program option exclusively serves working families who qualify for a child care subsidy.



## 4-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K)

Dane County Parent Council is a community provider of 4K services in the Madison, DeForest, Sun Prairie, Monroe, Stoughton, and Verona school districts. Almost all of the four year old children enrolled in Head Start are also enrolled in 4K.

## The Early Head Start Program

Federal funding for the Early Head Start Program began in response to early childhood research on the importance of early brain development. The earlier effective intervention occurs, the better the chances a child will have for a successful future. Early Head Start is a two-generation program designed to provide high-quality child and family development services to low-income pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers. The family-centered services facilitate child development, support parental roles, and promote self-sufficiency. Dane County Parent Council—Early Head Start offers both home-based and center-based program options.



## Family Foundations Home Visitation

The Green County Early Head Start Program serves children through the Family Foundations Home Visitation (FFHV) Grant. The FFHV Program is funded by a federal grant awarded to the states and designed to expand home visitation services through evidence based models. Children enrolled in the Green county FFHV Program receive services through the Early Head Start Home Visitation Program.



## Family Literacy Program

The Family Literacy Program, in partnership with the Literacy Network, offers a weekly class and individual tutoring for families learning English as a Second Language. The program also supports lending libraries at our Red Arrow, South Madison, and East Madison sites. These libraries provide materials for teachers to use in the classroom and share with families to extend learning from school to home.

## Child Care Operations

DCPC sponsors child care programs in several community locations. Many are in response to the child care needs of low income families, while others respond to other unique neighborhood and community needs for child care. All city infant/toddler programs must meet state child care licensing and city accreditation standards. All of our Madison centers are accredited by the City of Madison and all of our sites, throughout the community, have achieved a Young Star Rating of 5 Stars.

## Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (MIHOPE)

Green County FFHV was selected to participate in MIHOPE, which is a federally funded research program designed to measure the effectiveness of home visitation program models.

## UW-Odyssey Project

The UW Odyssey Project provides assistance to low income parents that are first in their family to attend college. Our South Madison site supports this project by providing evening child care while the parent is attending class.

## Satellite Family Child Care

The Satellite Program promotes quality family child care by providing City of Madison Accreditation services for family child care programs in the greater Madison area. Satellite works with family child care providers and helps them to enhance their interactions and relationships, environment and materials, daily programming, child development, health and nutrition, and business practices through the accreditation process.

## Hope House Foundation

Hope House is an innovative transitional housing project, in collaboration with Bethel Church, for homeless mothers and babies who are enrolled in the Early Head Start Program. Hope House provides a safe and nurturing environment with extensive services that help young mothers find and maintain secure, independent housing in the future.