



the Respite Center

24-hour crisis child care and parent support

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Dear Community Services Committee Members,

This is to inform you that it is the intent of the Board of Directors of Family Enhancement, The Respite Center and The Exchange Center for the Prevention Of Child Abuse to merge our three organizations effective January 1, 2011.

It is important for you to know this since both Family Enhancement and The Respite Center have submitted proposals to you for funding for 2011 – 2012. We independently submitted these proposals as separate organizations without mention of the merger. The application deadline was before the dates our boards voted to approve the merger and we wanted to be sure of the outcome before we assumed anything

It is important for you to know that our intent is to carry out the proposed program activities, outcomes and measurements as defined in our separate proposals following the merger. What would be significantly different from what we have submitted is total agency budgets for 2011.

We are welcoming any opportunity to meet with you about this forthcoming merger to explain our intent in terms of mission, governance and structure and answer any question you may have for the two of us and our boards of directors. At this point, this is not public information. We are confident in your respect to our privacy on this matter until we can make it public information.

Both Family Enhancement and The Respite Center have partnered for many years with the City of Madison and the Community Services Committee in providing vital and quality services to the residents of Madison. It is our hope that you will continue to value our partnership and will continue to provide your support to us during this important juncture. Our two organizations join with another to become stronger partners better equipped to carry out our combined missions to be a welcoming place that partners with parents in their efforts to nurture, protect and teach their children.

Thank you for your past and current support.

Sincerely,

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