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Statement from the Oscar Rennebohm Foundation

For 66 years the Oscar Rennebohm Foundation (ORF) has provided generous financial support and worked collaboratively with community partners and other funders on advancing the well-being of the people of Dane County.

After a recent period of reflection and planning and in anticipation of a new funding cycle to begin in 2017, the Board of the ORF has identified a number of issues to study. One of the areas of study is the support of children during the early years of development with a specific emphasis on the care and education of children after birth and through 3 years of age.

Over the next year or more the Foundation will explore this field by reviewing research and inviting discussions with current program personnel and care-givers both in and outside of Dane County as well as parents and community members.

Jane Belmore, Ph.D., a leader and expert in education, will serve as the Project Manager for the ORF's period of discovery. Dr. Belmore will be reaching out to people and organizations to facilitate the ORF's knowledge in areas supporting early childhood care and education.

Experts and organizations that have information they believe may be helpful should contact Dr. Belmore at jane.belmore@rennebohm.org. The Foundation will not entertain requests for funding during this time of exploration.