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**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2023 1:25 PM  
**To:** Early Childhood Care and Education Committee  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT! Rainbow Project support for C.O.R.E Program 2024 Budget  
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**Sharyl J. Kato, LPC**

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PROJECT

**Attn.:** Members of the City of Madison Early Childhood Care and Education Committee

**From:** Sharyl J. Kato, Executive Director & Child & Family Therapist  
Clinical Adjunct Professor, UW Madison School of Medicine & Public Health,  
Dept. of Psychiatry

**Date:** October 18, 2023

**RE: Madison Early Childcare and Education Committee 2024 Budget  
Recommendations for \$15, 000 for the Rainbow Project Child & Family Counseling &  
Resource Clinic**

Dear Esteemed Committee Members:

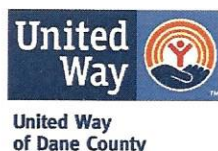
We thank you for this opportunity to request, to each of you, to consider and support the re-instatement of the loss of funding recommendation for the Rainbow Project's C.O.R.E. (Classroom Observation, Resources & Education) Program, which has been funded, since 1980.

We understand and support the recommendations for increased quality childcare programming, recommended for the 2024 budget. A shortage of quality childcare is currently a community crisis. We also understand the quality control needed to ensure the highest standards for training presentations and support provided for early childhood care and education staff. **HOWEVER**, due to the many challenges of COVID, post COVID & current conditions facing early childhood care and education programs, **we all the more, need the Rainbow Project's C.O.R.E. Program (Culturally Sensitive, Consultation, Classroom Observation, Resources & Education).**

The highly qualified & experienced Rainbow Project staff clinicians have the expertise and qualifications, as well as lived experience, to support the diverse ECCE programs in the Madison community, based 43 years ago, upon the National Assn of the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) "Allys in the Classroom" research on collaboration with mental health & other community partners.

Our longstanding relationships with early childhood programs has established the Rainbow Project as an integral part of the childcare system and has grown to school districts, 4K programs & community/neighborhood centers. Many of the programs, including family childcare homes, we would definitely consider THERAPUETIC CHILDCARE/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. The request for our CORE services continues to increase and includes beginning a Spanish speaking Reflective Practice Support group for Spanish Speaking Childcare & Education Providers. We have the gift of (3) licensed, certified Bilingual and Bicultural Spanish speaking staff in Capstone Infant Mental Health and CPP (Child Parent Psychotherapy) and other evidence based, best practice approaches including Theraplay and Conscious Discipline.

We understand the need to respond to new, emerging needs in our community, however, we hope it is not at the expense of steadfast, cost- effective, both human & financial investments programs. On behalf of the Rainbow Project Staff, Board of Directors & the children/families whom we are dedicated to, thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Sharyl Kato, Director



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Serving the community since 1980