

## Local, State, and National Parenting Resources

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<b>Topic Area</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Early Childhood	<p>Gay Eastman Childhood Education Specialist UW-Extension 1300 Linden Drive, Room 120 Madison WI 53706 (608) 262-1115</p>	<p><u>School Readiness Project.</u> The project helps Wisconsin communities provide optimal environments for the growth and development of children. Using school readiness as a focal point, the project aims to motivate each community to change in ways that will better support and promote the development of its young children.</p>
	<p>Ann Keim Program Specialist UW-Extension 432 N Lake Street Madison WI 53706 (608) 262-2453</p>	<p><u>Family Living Programs.</u> Position priorities include home visiting programs for parents of newborns, parent education, and child abuse prevention.</p>
	<p>Linda Leonhart Professional Development/ Collaboration Specialist Wisconsin Head Start Association 122 East Olin Avenue, Suite 110 Madison WI 53713 608-265-9423</p>	<p><u>Head Start.</u> A comprehensive program for low-income preschool children and their families designed to promote child development, increase parental self-sufficiency, improve the parent-child relationship, and enhance the home-learning environment.</p>
	<p>Dave Riley Professor, Child &amp; Family Studies Child Development Specialist UW-Madison/Extension 1430 Linden Drive Madison WI 53706 (608) 262-3314</p>	<p><u>Parenting the First Year.</u> A 12-part series of age-paced, instructional newsletters for new parents. County Extension agents coordinate over 80 local partnerships that deliver the series for free to more than half of Wisconsin's new parents each year (over 40,000 households). Research shows that parents strike their babies less often when they receive the series, and provide more intellectual stimulation as well.</p>

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Early Childhood (cont.)	Parents as Teachers National Center 10176 Corporate Square Drive, Suite 230 St. Louis, MO 63132 <a href="http://www.patnc.org">http://www.patnc.org</a>	<u>Parents as Teachers (PAT).</u> The National Center serves parent educators and parents of children from birth to age five. PAT uses research-based curriculum, providing age-appropriate information to parents on child development and ways to encourage development and learning. PAT has been recognized by the US Congress as an effective program for families and young children.
Adolescence	Karen Bogenschneider Associate Professor, Child & Family Studies Family Policy Specialist UW-Madison/Extension 1430 Linden Drive Madison WI 53706 (608) 262-4070	<u>Tapping Into Parenting (TIP).</u> Over 6,000 Wisconsin parents of 5th to 12th graders in 17 communities have completed the TIP survey which assesses parents' perceptions of their children, families, schools, and communities. TIP community reports, parent education newsletters, and a statewide report of the views of 4,435 Wisconsin parents have been issued. Compared to a control group, parents who read TIP newsletters monitored more closely, were more responsive and available to their adolescent, and engaged in more discussions of risky behaviors.
	Steve Small Professor, Child & Family Studies Human Development & Family Relations Specialist UW-Madison/Extension 1430 Linden Drive Madison WI 53706 (608) 263-5388	<u>Teen Assessment Project (TAP).</u> TAP is a community-based program to help parents, schools, agencies, and community leaders better support youth development. Local teens complete survey on attitudes, behaviors and perceptions regarding personal worries and concerns, drug and alcohol use, and sexual behavior. More than 280 communities have used the information from the survey to develop local solutions for youth issues.

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Foster Care	Mary Conroy Out-of-Home Care Specialist Division of Child & Family Services 1 W. Wilson, Room 465 Madison WI 53709 (608) 267-7287	<u>Bureau of Programs and Policies.</u> Identifies out-of-home problem areas and formulates strategies to improve statewide program operations and provides technical consultation to county and private agency social services staff and out-of-home care support groups to help develop and assure accurate interpretation of state and federal laws and regulations for out-of-home care for children.
	Mark Courtney Associate Professor, Social Work 1350 University Avenue Madison WI 53706 (608) 263-2669	<u>Affiliate of the Insitute for Research on Poverty.</u> Courtney's scholarship focuses on the child welfare services system including child protective services, foster care, adoption, and preparing foster youth for independent living.
	National Foster Parent Association, Inc. P.O. Box 81 Alpha OH 45301-0081 800-577-5238	<u>National Foster Parent Association.</u> A nonprofit organization established in 1972 to bring together foster parents, agency representatives, and community people who wish to work together to improve the foster care system and the lives of children and families.
Parent Education, Resources and Support	Bonnie Hutchins Outreach Specialist UW-Extension Family Living Programs 428 Lowell Hall 610 Langdon St. Madison WI 53703 (608) 265-9101	<u>UW-Extension Parenting Education.</u> Two conferences are held for family service providers. "The Parent Educator Institute: Focus on Effective Parent Education," and "Fulfilling the Promise: Getting Parents and Babies off to a Good Start." For registration details, contact Bonnie Hutchins.
	Ann Altman Stueck, RN, MSN Nursing Consultant for POCAN Home Visiting Programs/Systems Division of Public Health Bureau of Family and Community Health 1414 East Washington Avenue Madison WI 53703 (608) 266-3504	<u>Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (POCAN).</u> See program description page 35.

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Parent Education, Resources and Support (cont.)	<p>Family Resource Coalition of America 20 North Wacker Dr., Suite 1100 Chicago IL 60606 (312) 341-0900 <a href="http://www.frca.org">http://www.frca.org</a></p>	<p><u>Family Resource Coalition of America (FRCA)</u>. FRCA is a membership, consulting, and advocacy organization that has been advancing the movement to strengthen and support families since 1981. The family support movement and the FRCA seek to strengthen and empower families and communities so that they can foster the optimal development of children and family members.</p>
	<p>National Parenting Association Sylvia Ann Hewlett 51 West 74th Street, Suite 1B New York, NY 10023-2495 (212) 362-7575 <a href="http://www.parentsunite.org">http://www.parentsunite.org</a></p>	<p><u>National Parenting Association (NPA)</u>. The NPA, founded in 1993, believes that helping parents helps kids. Their goal is to build a parents' movement that unites mothers and fathers across the country and gives parents a greater voice in the public arena.</p>
	<p>Parenthood in America Conference Jack Westman, Committee Chair Professor Emeritus, Psychiatry Univeristy of Wisconsin-Madison 1234 Dartmouth Madison WI 53705-2214 (608) 238-4053 <a href="http://parenthood.library.wisc.edu">http://parenthood.library.wisc.edu</a></p>	<p><u>Conference Proceedings Database</u>. The aim of this Conference was to discuss the inability of some children to say with confidence that their parents are the most important factors in their lives, the potential consequences for those children, for their parents, and for society and what can be done about those consequences. The database includes paper proceedings, work group reports, and related parenting publications.</p>
	<p>Strengthening America's Families Rose Alvarado, Project Director University of Utah Health Education and Promotion (801) 581-7718 <a href="http://www.strengtheningfamilies.org">http://www.strengtheningfamilies.org</a></p>	<p><u>Effective Family Programs for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency</u>. A collaborative effort between the University of Utah and the Utah Department of Health Education to synthesize research findings and current practice in family-focused prevention funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice &amp; Delinquency Prevention. The three-year project focuses on disseminating the knowledge through training, technical assistance, and written materials. A literature review on model family and parenting programs is available on their website.</p>