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*Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible.*

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### Please make checks payable to:

**Family Support & Resource Center**

**101 Nob Hill Road, Suite 201**

**Madison, WI 53713**

If you do not want your name published in our Family Footnotes newsletter, please check here:

**Thank you!**



## Family Support & Resource Center

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Madison, WI 53713  
608-237-7630  
fax: 608-237-7524

Office Hours  
Monday-Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

For more information, visit our website at  
[www.fsrgdane.org](http://www.fsrgdane.org)

To learn more about Dane County's supports for children with disabilities and their families or to apply to provide in-home care for families, visit [www.LINKdane.org](http://www.LINKdane.org).



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## Family Support & Resource Center



Keeping Dane County families together by providing resources to support and care for their children with significant disabilities



The mission of Family Support & Resource Center is to make it possible for Dane County children and youth with disabilities to live at home with their families as valued and participating members of the community.

We work in partnership with parents to enhance the caregiving capacity of families and the Dane County community. Our programs offer case management, financial assistance, information and advocacy through services that are individualized, flexible, and designed to respond to family needs and preferences.

We are guided by these principles:

- All children, including children with disabilities, benefit by growing up as a secure member of a family and sharing in positive, long-term relationships with other family members.
- Families have great capacity to care for children who have disabilities when they receive support from friends, neighbors, human service professionals, and other community members.
- Parents are generally in the best position to know their own needs, to find solutions, and to choose the kinds of services that will help them to care for their child with a disability.
- It is important to establish and preserve continuity of support with each family.
- Communities are enriched when all people are valued and included as full members.

### WHAT IS FAMILY SUPPORT?

Family Support includes a variety of home and community-based supports designed to enhance the quality of life for children with significant disabilities and to keep families together. Based on the belief that each family is unique and that parents are in the best position to know the specific needs of their children and their families, family support services are family-centered and flexible, with parents choosing the assistance they receive.

### WHAT HELP IS PROVIDED?

Family Support Program staff work with families who have a child with a disability to:

- Understand and gain access to available resources
- Coordinate services, advocate on behalf of their child, and facilitate teamwork and problem-solving
- Purchase needed goods and services not available through other funding sources
- Help families to build and strengthen networks of support, to encourage friendships for their children, and to plan for the future

### WHAT CAN FAMILIES PURCHASE?

Financial assistance through the program is flexible and individually tailored to the needs of each family depending on the specific funding source. Funds can be used to purchase architectural modifications, child care, therapy and medical care, equipment, recreation, respite and other expenses related to the care of their child with a disability. Family Support Program funds may be used only when no other funding is available.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Families are eligible for the Family Support Program if they have a child under 21 years of age, who has a significant disability and is living at home in Dane County or returning from living out of home.

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR SERVICES?

Call 608-237-7630. Ask to speak to the Family Support Program Director or Intake.

### HOW SOON CAN I RECEIVE SERVICES?

The application process includes an initial determination of eligibility by Dane County and the State of Wisconsin. There are waiting lists for services.

After the application process is complete, short-term assistance is often available, through privately funded **"Families Can't Wait"** grants. Families will receive our quarterly newsletter, *Family Footnotes*, and can participate in a variety of agency-sponsored family events and activities.

### HOW IS THE AGENCY GOVERNED & FUNDED?

Family Support & Resource Center is a private, non-profit corporation, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of parents of children with disabilities, human service professionals, and interested community members.

Financial support is provided by Dane County Department of Human Services, United Way of Dane County and a variety of community businesses, foundations and individual donors. Gifts of any amount are appreciated and are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to FSRC. Credit card donations can be made by calling the agency at 608-237-7630.

*"Family Support is a wonderful program that all families should have - great, caring staff"*

-Parent