

About RISE

RISE is a non-profit focused on community-based, strengths-driven services to children, families, and young adults.

RISE formed in 2017 from a merger between two local non-profits, Community Partnerships and Center for Families. Together the organizations have more than 60 years of experience providing services in our community, and serve more than 6,800 individuals annually.

Our Commitments

- We will be a good partner and bring a community perspective.
- We will advocate for individuals, children, and families.
- We will listen openly and engage actively.
- We will encourage participants to determine their direction.
- We will work from people's strengths.
- We will bring solutions into the discussion.
- We will manage resources efficiently.



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The Respite Center is funded by Dane County Human Services and City of Madison, as well as private and individual donors.

The Respite Center



A safe place for children to stay and play while parents and caregivers get a break



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Respite means “a time away or a break from a situation.” At the Respite Center it means that we give parents and caregivers a break from their children when they need it, and we give children a break from a crisis at home.



Eligibility Criteria

- Children must be under the age of 15
- Parents or Guardians must give permission to have their children cared for at the Respite Center.

The Respite Center has a group child care license and a group home license from the State of Wisconsin.

The Respite Center is also accredited by the City of Madison child care unit and holds a 5-star YoungStar rating.

Families may be assessed a fee for services, but no one is ever turned away for inability to pay.

What to expect from care at the Respite Center:

The Respite Center serves more than 900 children from over 500 families annually. The Respite Center model allows for scheduled and planned child care visits in addition to emergency visits during a family crisis or in child welfare situations. We serve anywhere from 12-20 children in a 24 hour period.

Families use the Respite Center for a variety of reasons including:

- To attend a job interview
- To attend important medical, dental, or mental health appointments
- To attend court or other legal meetings
- To look for housing, or to complete tasks related to housing
- To get a break from homelessness or a housing crisis
- To get a scheduled break from parenting, especially in times of high stress or feeling overwhelmed
- To have a safe place to take their children when a caregiver has an emergency (medical, mental health, etc.)

“The Respite Center has supported me and my family for 8 1/2 years. I would like to say thank you for helping our family and providing a safe haven for our kids to come when we need just a little extra help or are having a family crisis. I’m so thankful. They have rescued me many, many times.” — Felicia Davis

In order for families to use the Respite Center, they must complete an intake. The intake appointment allows us to obtain consent for care and learn important details about a child and family.



To learn more about the Respite Center or to set up an intake, call 608-244-5700

Interpretation services available upon request.