

2024

Annual Report



RISE 
Helping Communities & Families Thrive

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Message from the Executive Director

RISE experienced significant growth and milestones in 2024, including the launch of the BIPOC Mental Health Coalition, expansion of Home-Based Therapeutic Services (HBTS), and celebration of the Respite Center's 45th anniversary.

Through a Dane County grant, RISE partnered with Journey Mental Health Center to establish the BIPOC Mental Health Coalition. This initiative aims to:

- Create an affinity space to address mental health disparities among BIPOC individuals
- Support agencies in meeting BIPOC mental health needs
- Advocate for systemic changes that promote belonging, dignity, and antiracism

RISE is proud to serve as a founding member and lead partner in this effort to close persistent gaps in care and resources.

With support from the Roots & Wings Foundation and Dane County Department of Human Services, RISE expanded HBTS by hiring a full-time Spanish-speaking therapist and increasing staff capacity. HBTS integrates mental health clinicians into early childhood home visiting programs, providing in-home and community-based services for caregivers. This approach stabilizes families, strengthens staff competency, and ensures tailored support for home visitors seeking consultation and referrals.

Finally, RISE hosted the Night of Nourishment event to celebrate the Respite Center's 45th anniversary, honor the legacy of former director Meg Miller, and dedicate "Meg's Place," a playground offering comfort and joy to children. This event united supporters and families in continuing Meg's vision for Respite services.



Early CHILDHOOD



Welcome Baby & Beyond

Served
43 participants

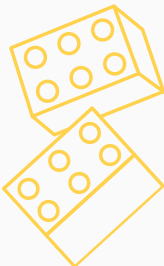
13 Families
completed the
program in 2024



Early Childhood Initiative

Served
75 families

15 Families
completed the
program in 2024



ParentChild+

Served
120 participants

28 Participants
completed the
program in 2024

Mental HEALTH



Comprehensive Community
Services (CCS)

Served
79 participants



Children's Long Term Support
CCS/CLTS Dual Enrollment

Served
34 participants



Court Ordered Evaluations

Completed
807 evaluations



Respite CENTER



Served
437
children

Provided over
16,000
hours of child
care

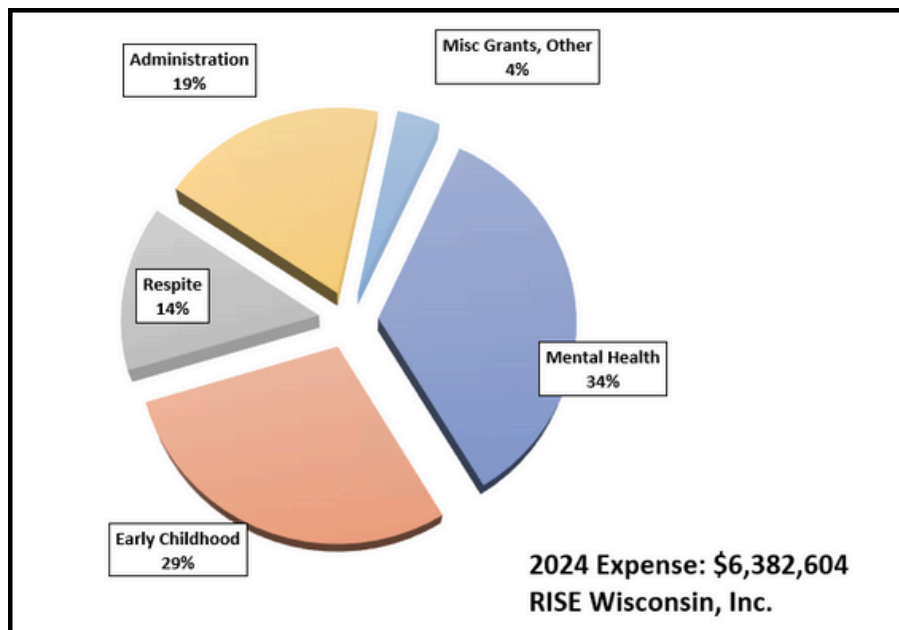
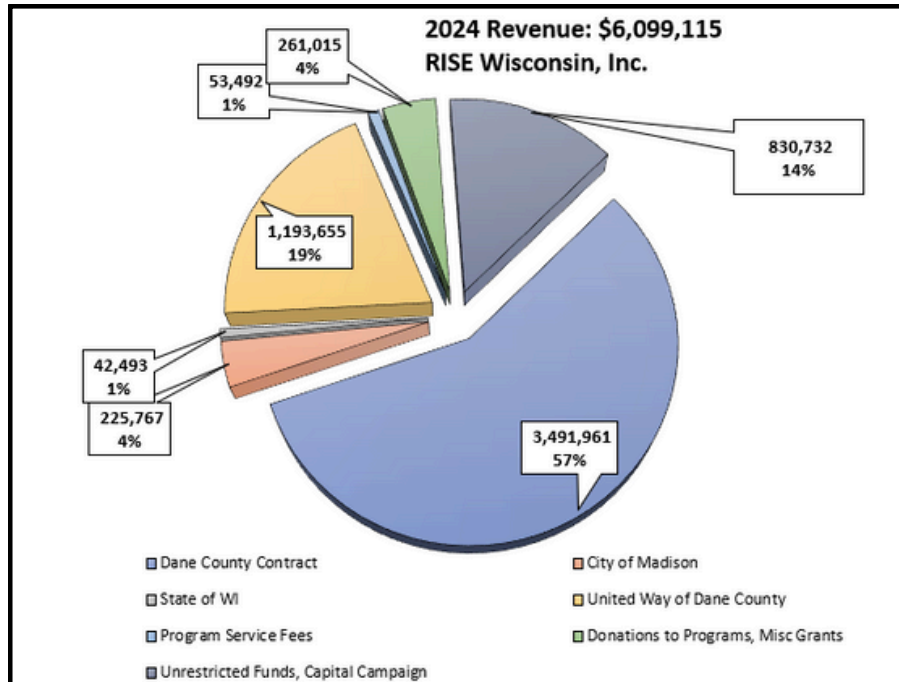
Respite Center's 45th Anniversary



In 2024, the Respite Center proudly celebrated 45 years of supporting children and families with compassionate, community-based care. To honor this milestone, the newly launched Friends of Respite hosted **Night of Nourishment**, an event highlighting Respite's impact and evolution over the decades while bringing supporters together in shared purpose. RISE also honored a lasting legacy by naming the RISE playground Meg's Place, in recognition of the late Meg Miller, who was Respite Director for 34 years, and her profound influence on Respite's mission. A special presentation and signage unveiling celebrated Meg's enduring commitment and the values that continue to guide our work today.



Financial STATEMENT



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