

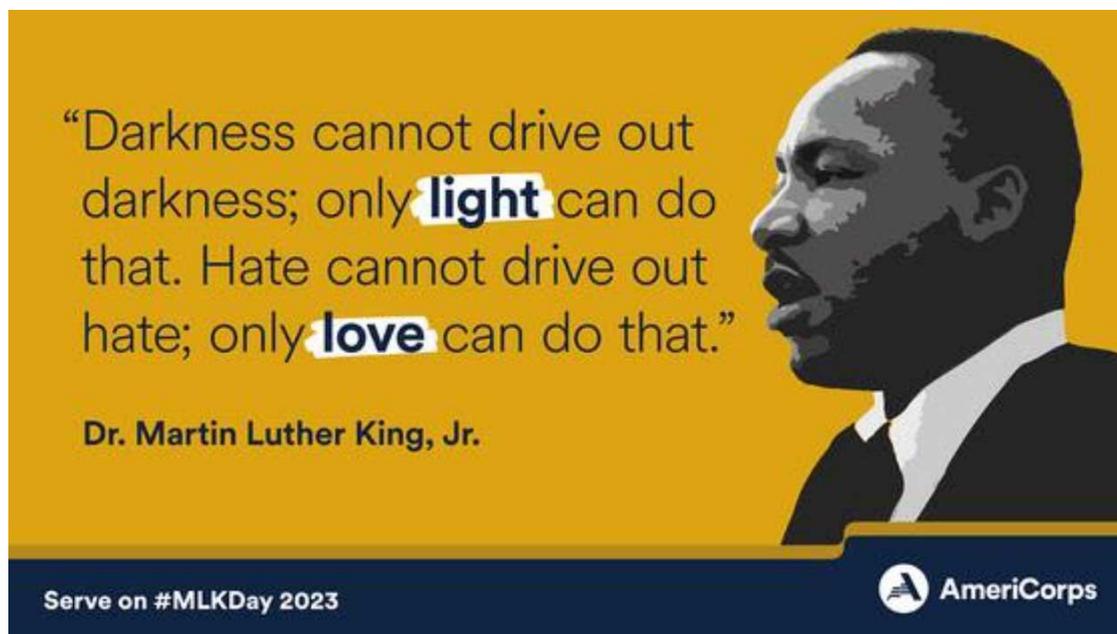


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Editor's Comment: While we happily understand if you regard the Badger Buzz like you might a good book, you don't have to finish this entire issue in one sitting, as much as you might like to (LOL). We know there's a broad range of CYC information and resources in each issue, which reflects the scope

of professional activities within our field. So, we suggest you take an initial scan of each issue, read what grabs your attention, then come back for a deeper dive later.

We're all very busy. But doesn't real life-long learning and personal professional development deserve more than the usual three-minute attention span and 15-second sound bite, which seems to have become the norm for most of today's social media formatting? We believe you'll be glad you did.

Is there something you'd especially like to read? Text us at (608)846-2860 or email us at propman46@gmail.com and we'll get right on it!

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Greetings from the WACYCP Board

WACYCP PARTICIPATES IN GREAT CYC EVENTS!



Hello Fellow Badger Child And Youth Care Workers,
Happy New Year and welcome to 2023!

WACYCP would like to highlight 2 very special training opportunities for youth care workers in Wisconsin (and elsewhere). In partnership with Together the Voice (ACRC) we have 2 events to consider attending or supporting.

The first one is the 3rd Annual International Direct Care Summit:



Youth workers from around the world can attend virtually to hear from some of the leaders of our field. Click the link below to find out more information.

International Direct Care Summit - Association of Children's Residential & Community Services (ACRC) (togetherthevoice.org)

The second event is the Direct Care Pre-Conference that is a part of the larger Annual Conference for Together the Voice.

Capturing Quality: Equity, Experience, Efficacy



ACRC in
Minneapolis
2023

Marriott City Center
May 16-19



WACYCP plans to coordinate a group of youth workers to attend this special event, with transportation being provided up to Minneapolis. If you are interested in attending, contact WACYCP Board Member Jody Rhodes at jodyrhodeswi@gmail.com and she can give you all the details. More information on the whole conference can be found at the link below:

[Annual Conference - Association of Children's Residential & Community Services \(ACRC\) \(togetherthevoice.org\)](http://togetherthevoice.org)

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WACYCP Board President

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Yes, You Can Make It Happen!
**NEW YEAR-NEW START! GET CERTIFIED OR
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“Certification has helped me consolidate the many workshops, webinar, trainings and conferences I attend every year into one recognized professional document, without overloading my resume.”---Michael

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Steps in the Certification Process: CYCCB uses a multi-method approach to competence demonstration. Certification is awarded to candidates who successfully demonstrate their CYC competence through completion of all the steps listed below:

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Determine which certification level best describes your experience, training/education and level of competence. Choose the highest level at which you qualify. Practitioners can apply at any of the three CYC certification levels: Entry(CYC), Associate (CYC-A), and Professional (CYC-P). It is not necessary to complete certification at a lower level before applying at a higher level. The Entry and Associate Levels are not available in Canada.

STEP TWO – TEST

Schedule and complete testing with a passing score. Practitioners are typically able to pass the situational judgement exam at the highest level for which they qualify.

STEP THREE – COMPLETE APPLICATION

Complete an application form for the level chosen and provide supporting documentation. This includes documenting: 1) minimum requirements of education, experience & training; 2) provision of colleague references & supervisor assessment; 3) proof of membership in a professional association; 4) agreement to abide by ethical standards; and 5) confirmation of eligibility to work with children, youth & families.

STEP FOUR – COMPLETE PORTFOLIO

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CYCCB LAUNCHES WORKFORCE CONNECTION

Practitioners certified by CYCCB are some of the most qualified people in the youth services profession.

CYCCB recently launched WORKFORCE CONNECTION so employers looking for staff can get their jobs in front of people that are qualified and have demonstrated competence in the knowledge and skills they are seeking to hire.

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RESILIENT WISCONSIN: WDHS RELEASES NEW VIDEO SERIES



Check out the new Resilient Wisconsin video series featuring Wisconsin residents in recovery from a substance use disorder who are now helpers in their communities. This video series is designed to show there is hope and help available to people experiencing a substance use disorder.

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WI CYC WORKERS GET HELP ACCESSING STATE

STATUTES ON CHILD WELFARE, ADOPTION, AND ABUSE HERE



[Editor's Note: This article is reprinted with THANKS TO THE us Dept. Health and Human Services via the Child Welfare Information Gateway of the Children's Bureau and was first posted on January 11, 2023. To subscribe go to: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USACFCWIG/signup/31410>]

Child welfare practice is largely shaped by laws and policies, including statutes, regulations, and agency policies. Knowing these laws and policies is essential for child welfare practitioners.

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Search the State Statute database anytime for statutes on various topics of all individual states and U.S. territories.

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It's a Guy Thing

MEN'S WORK AND THE WOUNDED CHILD



[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to the author and The Good Men Project and was posted December 20, 2022. To subscribe go to: <https://goodmenproject.com/>]

By Mark Greene

Given how much trauma is done to boys and men over the course of our lives by our Man Box culture of masculinity, by the time we even CONSIDER doing some self-reflection, some kind of men's work, it can feel like looking into a dark well with no bottom.

I wish I could tell you men's work is easy or quick. It's not. As young boys, the world bullies us out of authentic emotional expression and connection. Once we're isolated, hiding our authentic selves, it slots us into a hierarchical dominance-based culture of masculinity

For years, often for decades, we struggle to live up to Man Box culture's rules for being a man. Be tough. Don't show emotion. Get lots of sex. Make lots of money. Control women and girls. Never show pain. Talk sex or cars, nothing deep. Be heterosexual. Etc.

Rules, Judy Chu shows in her book *When Boys Become Boys*, we are trained to take on at age FOUR or earlier. Before we're even old enough to understand what's happening to us, we let go of our authentic connecting selves, hide our emotional acuity, take on false stoic facades.

Watch the joy boys show in their friendships. We've all seen it in our young sons. By late adolescence, boys let go of close friendships. Niobe Way documents this in her book *Deep Secrets*. At which point, boys' suicide rates become four times that of girls their age.

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[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to Fatherly, and was first posted June 26, 2022.]

GET YOUR FLU SHOT AND NEW COVID BOOSTER TODAY!

By Jay Deitcher

One of the best examples we can set for our kids is to have the willingness to make mistakes and learn from them. That often means letting go of some of our vices, be it gambling, booze, or eating too much cheese. But changing is tough, man. Even when we want to give something up that was causing us negative consequences, losing it can feel like losing a best friend. That's why we need to mourn. As we implement our New Year's resolutions and strive for better habits, an important step is to allow ourselves to grieve what we are giving up.

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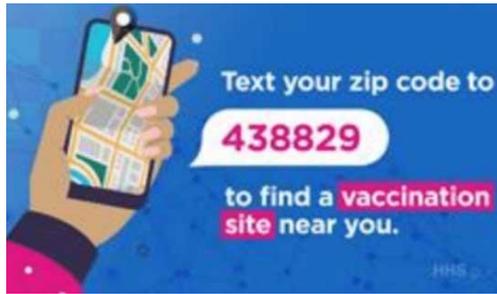
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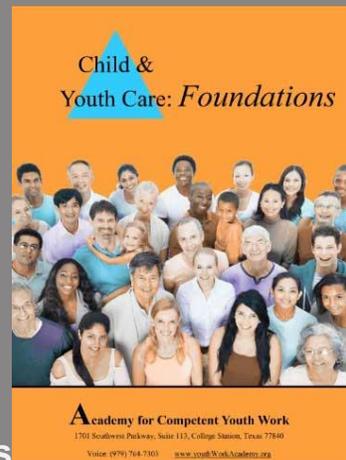
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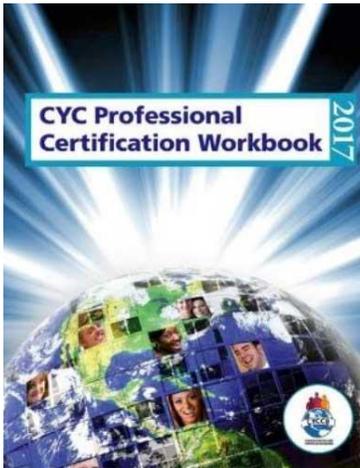


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Whether you are preparing for testing, completing an application, or simply exploring how to improve your CYC knowledge and skills, this workbook is designed for you.

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From The Business Side Of CYC
WI FAST FORWARD GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE TO

EMPLOYERS TO TRAIN UNEMPLOYED, UNDEREMPLOYED, AND EXISTING WORKERS



[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to the Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development and was first posted on January 12, 2023.]

Employers are now able to apply for the latest round of Wisconsin Fast Forward grants from the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). Up to \$2 million in funding is available to employers who demonstrate a critical need for skilled workers and are seeking training grants to develop and implement a business-led skills training program.

The Fast Forward Program encourages the development of innovative solutions at the local and regional level to bring together employers, educators, workforce development entities, and economic development organizations to meet area workforce needs and increase the economic capacity of area residents.

"Now more than ever, employers are looking for new ways to attract and retain employees," DWD Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek said. "The Fast Forward program helps employers use customized training to develop hard skills in new and existing employees. At the same time, it connects trainees to industry-recognized credentials for long-term career growth."

Details on who is eligible to apply, application deadlines and award amounts are available in the Grant Program Announcement:

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In addition, there are the scholarships and award, which WACYCP bestows annually to deserving recipients within WACYCP and across the Wisconsin profession at large. In trying to return maximum quality to our members, we try and keep agency dues as low as possible, while keeping membership value high.

We also need to contract with commercial services to help us with those technical and specialized skills, which we're unable to cover with our volunteer resources. Database management, website design and hosting, on-line publication distribution, and membership dues to allied organizations, are just a few of these many expenditures. This leaves little left over to cover daily operating costs or special projects.

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Ready Resources

MILWAUKEE RECREATION IS A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION



A department of MPS

Milwaukee Recreation serves to strengthen and extend the bond between public education and the community. Founded in 1911 by legislation that was reportedly the first of its kind to assign a local public school system the responsibility for conducting recreation programs, Milwaukee Recreation has maintained a leadership position throughout its history. Multiple use of public school facilities for community services, especially in the evenings, has earned Milwaukee Recreation the distinction of being recognized nationally as the "City of the Lighted Schoolhouse."

Milwaukee Recreation enriches the lives of Milwaukee's youth, adults, and families through many innovative programs. These programs are designed to improve the academic achievement of all students during non-school hours, strengthen families, reduce crime in the neighborhoods, and enhance the well-being of all residents.

Milwaukee Recreation's mission is to enrich and strengthen the community by promoting healthy lifestyles, personal development, and fun through memorable recreational and educational experiences for people of all ages and abilities.

Milwaukee Recreation personnel include over 80 full-time program & clerical staff, plus approximately 2,500 part-time employees hired annually as instructors, leaders, field attendants, umpires and referees. Over 100 schools and community locations are programmed on an annual basis to serve the Milwaukee community.

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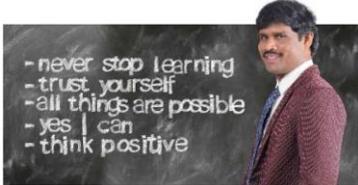
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From Classroom to Career

THREE WAYS TO HELP YOUR STUDENTS CULTIVATE THEIR INNER LIVES



[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted from the Greater Good Science Center and posted January 5, 2023. [To subscribe to their newsletter go here](#)

By Vicki Zakrzewski

Providing space for young people to explore their spirituality may benefit everyone.

As a human family, we're asking ourselves some big questions in the face of social, political, and technological change: How can we honor the innate dignity and worth of ourselves and each other? How can we overcome selfishness and the isolation and conflict it breeds, and connect to each other through kindness, understanding, and generosity? How can we overcome this chaos and create a healthier and more harmonious planet?

While we adults can't necessarily give our youth the answers, we can provide the space for spiritual inquiry and development, which research suggests may help buffer them against the mental challenges they face. Let's take a look at what spirituality is, why it can be good for young people, and how to cultivate it in secular education.

What is spirituality?

This is the million-dollar question for many people. Indigenous scholars argue that spirituality within their cultures is "as fundamental to being alive as the air we breathe." In general, Western scientists differentiate organized religious practices from the inner drive for three things that they suggest constitute spirituality:

cultivating a sense of connection and belonging, including to something larger than oneself;
developing awareness of the self and the world; and
living a meaningful life.

So are these three things innate to who we are? A number of researchers from a variety of disciplines—such as genetics, psychology, biology, and cognitive science—suggest that the answer is yes.

For example, spirituality may be found in our genes. A study of several thousand twins showed that 29% of spirituality (in this case, a sense of personal devotion) is genetic. While this is an exciting finding, some researchers argue that twin studies are not generalizable to everyone. For that, we need to look to evolutionary psychology, which, for several decades, has been examining our innate capacity for positive

emotions to form deep connections—an aspect of spirituality.

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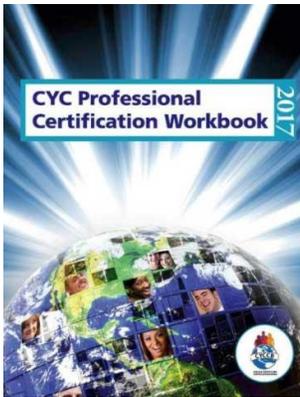
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CYC PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION WORKBOOK : GET IT NOW AND COMPLETE THAT CERTIFICATION TODAY!



CYCCB is pleased to announce that the long awaited ***CYC Professional Certification Workbook*** is now available. The workbook is designed to help child and youth work practitioners prepare and apply for professional certification (CYC-P) offered by the Child & Youth Care Certification Board.

It provides a wealth of information in an easy-to-use format. It includes information on the history of the CYC certification effort, characteristics of certified practitioners, the testing and application process, forms, costs, and sources for a wide variety of articles, publications, and professional development supports useful to CYC practitioners working in any setting. The sections on test preparation and the professional portfolio offer sample exam questions and portfolio responses. Information about the Entry, Associate, and Professional level certifications is included.

The workbook is in response to the need for a one-stop source of information that addresses applicant questions and needs. Whether you are preparing for testing, completing an application, or simply exploring

how to improve your CYC knowledge and skills, this workbook is designed for you. The workbook is constructed with tabbed sections to make it easy to find answers for whatever certification related questions you might have.

The workbook is available from CYCCB for \$30 (which includes shipping costs).

[Order a manual at this LINK](#)

Around Wisconsin **2022 NATIONAL SURVEY ON LGBTQ YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH: WISCONSIN**



[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted from an official report with thanks to the Trevor Project and was first posted on December 19, 2022.]

The Trevor Project, the leading suicide prevention organization for LGBTQ young people, produces innovative original research that amplifies the experiences of diverse LGBTQ young people and brings new knowledge and clinical implications to the suicide prevention field.

Since 2019, our annual national surveys have been among the largest and most diverse surveys of LGBTQ young people in the U.S. For the first time ever, we're publishing the findings of our national survey, which captured the experiences of nearly 34,000 LGBTQ people ages 13-24 across the United States in 2022, segmented by all 50 states.

These data provide critical insights into the suicide risk faced by LGBTQ young people, top barriers to mental health care, the prevalence of anti-LGBTQ victimization, and the negative impacts of recent politics. Importantly, this research also points to ways in which we can all support the LGBTQ young people in our lives by detailing per state LGBTQ young people's access to accepting communities, LGBTQ-affirming spaces, and social support among family and friends — protective factors that are consistently associated with better mental health and lower suicide risk.

It's essential to emphasize that because we still do not have known counts or registries of the LGBTQ youth population comprehensive data on the mental health and well-being of LGBTQ youth remains limited. These findings strive to underscore the unique challenges

faced by young LGBTQ people, a group consistently found to be at significantly increased risk for suicide because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society.

We hope that LGBTQ young people in every state will see themselves reflected in these experiences that so many have bravely shared; and that these data will equip fellow researchers, policymakers, and other youth-serving organizations in every state with the data necessary to celebrate and uplift LGBTQ young people and advocate for policies that work to end the public health crisis of suicide.

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As the Twig is Bent

NEW MILWAUKEE YOUTH PRISON TO REPLACE TROUBLED LINCOLN HILLS FACILITY



“As the twig is bent, so grows the tree.”

---Confucius

[Editor’s Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to the Wisconsin Public Radio and was posted January 19, 2022.]

By Evan Casey

The Milwaukee site for a new youth prison — which is slated to replace the long-troubled Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake youth prisons in Irma — was approved by city officials Tuesday. But even with that approval, the new facility likely won't be operational until early 2026 — more than five years after the deadline state lawmakers set for closing the Irma detention centers.

The new 32-room prison will be built on the site of a former vehicle emissions center on Milwaukee's northwest side, at 7930 W. Clinton Ave. A spokesperson for Milwaukee Mayor Cavalier Johnson said he anticipates the mayor will sign the approval passed by the Milwaukee Common Council.

State and local officials are hopeful moving the prison to Milwaukee will lower recidivism among young people in the juvenile justice system. Many teens at the Irma facility are from Milwaukee, and the 200-mile journey between the city and the prison limits contact between families and their children.

"When we have the opportunity, because of proximity, to engage the families, I think that will result in better outcomes for reintegrating our youth back into their communities," Wisconsin Department of Corrections Secretary Kevin Carr said during a recent Milwaukee committee meeting about the plans for the site.

The youth prisons have long been plagued by allegations of abuse by staff, as well as instances of violence both directed toward staff and by staff toward youth. The facilities were the subject of a lengthy FBI investigation into alleged civil rights violations.

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HEALTH CONNECTIONS SERVES SOME OF MILWAUKEE'S MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS



[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted in part from the Milwaukee Neighborhood New Service and Health Connections website.]

Sostento, a nonprofit organization supporting frontline health workers in underserved communities across the United States, announced this week the creation of a new initiative called Project Finish Line. The goal of the Project is to vaccinate one million individuals whose access to traditional health care is limited by cultural, linguistic, social, and economic factors.

Traditional safety net providers such as Federally Qualified Health Centers cannot support the needs of every individual who wants or needs a vaccine. Critically, those individuals are caught by another safety net provider known as Free and Charitable Clinics. But these clinics, which rely on donations and volunteers, suffer from underfunding and a decrease in volunteer support since the beginning of the pandemic.

To ensure their needs are met, Sostento has brought together 100 of these Free and Charitable Clinics located in low-vaccination rate areas across 15 different states into a network initiative called Project Finish Line that will mobilize resources and share best practices among the group.

Project Finish Line has been an important element of our clinic, Health Connections, Inc.'s, strategy. They have assisted us with a COVID-19 Toolkit, technology assistance, connections to other local COVID-19 clinics, transportation solutions, and information sharing amongst other clinics around the country.

To learn more about Sostento, Project Finish Line, or how to become a corporate partner, visit www.sostento.org and covidfinishline.com.

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Together, the Voice “The Association of Children’s Residential & Community services promotes excellence in residential interventions both domestically and abroad. We stand for quality care and treatment with integrity, honesty, and transparency.

ACRC was founded in 1956 and has grown to a network of over 200 members across the world. We advocate for—and share innovative treatment and best practices with—members and non-members alike to advance best practices in the field.”

Our Mission

Providing a powerful voice for residential interventions through relationships, leadership, advocacy, and the promotion of innovative treatment and best practices.

Our Vision

ACRC envisions youth and families thriving in their homes and communities; and should they require residential interventions, having uncompromised access to quality treatment at the right time.



Youth workers from around the world can attend virtually to hear from some of the leaders of our field. Click the link below to find out more information.

International Direct Care Summit - Association of Children's Residential & Community Services (ACRC) (togetherthevoice.org)

The second event is the Direct Care Pre-Conference that is a part of the larger Annual Conference for Together the Voice.

Capturing Quality: Equity, Experience, Efficacy



ACRC in
Minneapolis
2023

Marriott City Center
May 16-19

www.togetherthevoice.org



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Services

WACYCP plans to coordinate a group of youth workers to attend this special event, with transportation being provided up to Minneapolis. If you are interested in attending, contact WACYCP Board Member Jody Rhodes at jodyrhodeswi@gmail.com and she can give you all the details. More information on the whole conference can be found at the link below:

[Annual Conference - Association of Children's Residential & Community Services \(ACRC\) \(togetherthevoice.org\)](http://www.togetherthevoice.org)

[Become An ACRC Member Today!](http://www.togetherthevoice.org)

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WISCONSIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP, PROGRAMS AND STATISTICS



There are 83 organizations in Wisconsin that provide domestic violence services at some level. A total of 77 organizations have provided complete information about their program to this site for a statewide completion rate of 92%. These programs can be found in 60 different cities.

Click on any of the 60 cities below to learn about the programs in these areas. You'll also see information further below on categories of service offered in Wisconsin, and within each category you'll find the individual services within that category.

The most common category of service in Wisconsin – based on the likelihood of each program to offer all the services within a category – is "emergency services", while the least common category of service is "housing services"

the two most common individual services within any category of service in Wisconsin are "resources and referrals and safety planning" while the two least common services are "daycare facility and onsite schooling".

Spanish is spoken at 38% of the organizations. The third most common language after English and Spanish is Sign language at 9% of the organizations. Demographically, the organizations are mostly like to be equipped to serve women.

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BONUS FEATURE

[A Research-Based Question And Answer Resource On Intimate Partner And Teen Dating Violence For Youth-Supporting Professionals](#)

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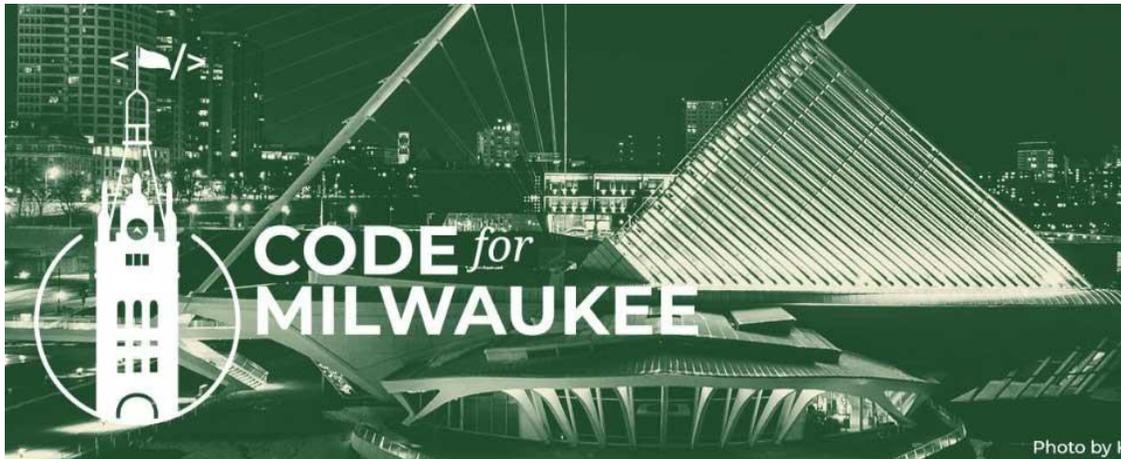
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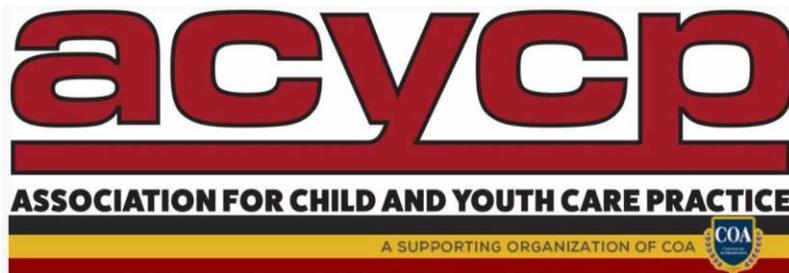


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