

How to make a difference

As an Individual

... show children that they are special! Spend time with a child, read to them, play with them, teach them, be a role model. Contact local organizations that serve children and find out how your strengths and skills can be used to support childhood development.

As a Parent

... you are constantly learning about the changing needs of your child and trying to do the best for your family. However, parenting does not come with a “manual”. Seek out resources so you can be the primary advocate for your child’s development. Network with other parents at your local library, children’s museum, YMCA, schools, parent groups, park, etc.

As an Organization

... make a significant impact in raising our future leaders, citizens and workforce of tomorrow by investing in the youngest members of our society today. "A dollar invested in early childhood programs offers a 10% rate of return on investment."

--Dr. James Heckman, The economics of the human potential.

To obtain a listing of the great resources available in Fond du Lac County, please contact:

Birth to 3

920-929-3919 | birthto3@fdlco.wi.gov

Children's Museum of Fond du Lac

920-929-0707 | info@cmfdl.org

Fond du Lac Area United Way

920-921-7010 | fdlareaunitedway.org

**It takes a community
to build better futures!**

It Matters to Me!

It Matters to Everyone.



The mission of SPROUT (**S**upporting **P**ositive **R**elationships so **O**ur children **U**nder 6 can **T**hrive) is to support the social and emotional health of young children by bringing together organizations throughout Fond du Lac County that enrich infant and early childhood development.

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Social & Emotional Health

It Matters to Me



It Matters to All of Us

"Social Emotional Development is where we learn Who we are, How we feel, and What to expect from others. The answers to those questions develop in our earliest relationships and will follow us for the rest of our lives."

Matt Doll

PhD, Psychologist



Employers

"Mercury Marine's approach to community connectivity is multi-faceted: focused on education, human need, and youth development. As one of the largest employers in the area, Mercury Marine is committed to supporting organizations whose mission is to develop the next generation of community members. This mission of development and growth is essential to the future success of our community and it starts with our young children. Everywhere it operates in the world, Mercury Marine is involved in partnerships with organizations like SPROUT, the Children's Museum, the STEM Institute and the YMCA."

Josh Ingram

HR Business Partner - Castings and Distribution
Mercury Marine

Teachers

"As early childhood educators we understand the connection between social development, emotional growth and academic achievement. It is our philosophy to engage parents in their child's education as we know the critical role that they play in providing nurturing relationships and supportive environments. Together, we support children as they learn self regulation and develop the language, and social skills, needed to form peer relationships and excel in their learning and growth."

Nancy Hackbarth

4K Coordinator,
Fond du Lac School District



Parents

"We find ourselves so pressured to do everything - that we overlook the small things. It's the every day interactions with our children that leave a lasting impression on who they grow to be as adults. Read books together... play with them... ask them about their day... capture the moments!"

Gina Popp

President, wisnet.com
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