



Family Living Programs— a great public investment

Solid relationships with community partners are essential to Family Living Programs' effectiveness. When partners—local institutions, agencies and groups—coordinate services and programs and share resources and expertise, they are not only more cost-efficient—they are more effective.

County-based Family Living Programs are an excellent public investment in initiatives that are important to communities. These initiatives often work through the research-driven, community-based education Family Living provides.

Providing leadership

Faculty and staff serve in leadership roles where they can engage people at all levels and support changes that benefit families. They lead strategic planning efforts, organize educational programs and help communities achieve goals in support of families.

By improving people's lives, Family Living Programs reduce the economic and social service costs to local government and make Wisconsin communities stronger. And when families have the skills and resources they need to care for each other, they are able to participate in and contribute to their communities.

Extension educators are on the cutting edge of important issues facing the people of Wisconsin. Through their efforts, Family Living educators strengthen the community's capacity to meet pressing needs, with the end result being a better quality of life for all Wisconsin families.

About Cooperative Extension Family Living Programs

Family Living Programs university-based and county colleagues serve as catalysts for positive change by working with Wisconsin families and communities to address important issues, concerns and opportunities.

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FAMILY LIVING PROGRAMS

TODAY'S DIVERSE FAMILIES FORM THE FOUNDATION OF STRONG WISCONSIN COMMUNITIES.

FAMILY LIVING PROGRAMS PROVIDES STATEWIDE LEADERSHIP TO PROMOTE EDUCATION, RESOURCES AND PARTNERSHIPS THAT CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES CAN THRIVE.

Backed by university research

Family Living's unique and effective programs are developed using university research. Extension educators based in every county and on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus have a direct link to university resources, allowing them to draw from and contribute to current research about families.

By responding to the challenges facing today's families with evidence-informed programs and practices, as well as local knowledge gained from living in the communities they serve, Extension educators are helping to create an environment where families have the information, skills and assets they need to improve their quality of life and contribute to their communities.

Working for Wisconsin families

By recognizing and ensuring that the needs of people from diverse backgrounds are addressed in its educational and community-based programs, Family Living promotes a culture of inclusiveness that respects all people.

All families need support and resources to develop skills at critical points in their lives. Family Living works to meet these needs by:

- Helping communities explore effective responses to issues affecting families such as poverty, childhood obesity, prevention of child abuse, financial security and aging.
- Serving as catalysts for positive change by providing leadership to ensure that community systems, services and facilities support the healthy functioning of families.
- Increasing knowledge about health, access to safe, nutritious food and parenting practices.
- Reaching out to diverse families to provide research-based education and resources to help improve quality of life.

