

**CITY OF MADISON
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION BOARD**

**Proposed Goals and Priorities
February 27, 2008
8:45 a.m.**

Dane County Parent Council is responding to the proposed **Program Area 1, Child Care Services, Higher Priority Goals.**

I'm Marcia Huemoeller, the Executive Director of Dane County Parent Council, Inc., I'd like to thank each of you for the opportunity to give you input on your Proposed Goals and Priorities.

We believe these goals are essential for our Madison community and for each family who needs and deserves high quality child care. Each of the three goals are critical components of a system that supports the infrastructure, the training and professional development opportunities for child care staff and the care that is desperately needed by our communities' low income and underserved children.

Our experience as a fortunate provider responding to these goals reinforces our belief in the high priority status that has been given to them by the Early Childhood Care and Education Board.

DCPC has been responding to the early childhood needs of Madison's children and families for many years and is particularly pleased to receive funding for services to our Preschool Enrichment Program (PEP) in the East Madison Truax neighborhood, the Wexford Infant/Toddler Program in the Wexford neighborhood and to announce the re-start of our Wee Start Program, for teenage moms, in the Marquette Elementary School and to provide the Satellite Program for family child care accreditation for the City of Madison. *All of these programs respond directly to your Program Area 1, Higher Priority Goals.*

Today I'm fortunate to have the parent of a child that's been attending the PEP Program here to tell you of the benefit and experience she's had while enrolled in PEP. (Introduce Heidi)

Marcia Huemoeller