

Poverty Awareness for Community Engagement (PACE)

The curriculum is a continuum of resources that explores the complexities of poverty, including issues of social class, diversity, race, and privilege. The core curriculum includes:

- Book Clubs (facilitated discussion of books regarding poverty issues)
- Poverty Briefs (fact sheets)
- Class Acts (learning exercises/activities)
- Faces of Poverty (county-specific data for discussion starters)
- Case Study Scenarios
- Poverty Simulations (sensitizes participants to the realities faced by low-income people)
- Waging a Living and other videos
- Just Neighbors Tool Kit (9 session research-based curriculum)
- Community Change Circles for Thriving Communities (dialogue and action-planning)

Professional Development Workshops

- Behavior Change Modification Theory
- Relationship Building
- Communication Skills

Nutrition Education

The Milwaukee County UW Extension Nutrition Program helps limited resource families and individuals choose healthful diets, purchase and prepare healthful food and handle it safely, as well as become more food secure by spending their food dollars wisely.

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Milwaukee County UW-Extension Family Living Programs



Mission Statement

To promote thriving families and communities in Milwaukee County through research-based education.

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Milwaukee County UW-Extension Family Living Program Area Highlights

Who We Are

UW Extension Family Living Programs respond to local community needs through research-based education and partnerships that support Wisconsin families and communities.

The Milwaukee County UW Extension Family Living team is centered on the following program areas:

- Parenting Education
- Professional Development Services for Family Support Workers
- Poverty Awareness and Action
- Housing and Consumer Education
- Nutrition Education for Children and Families

What We Do

Together, we help to strengthen families and communities through:

- Building knowledge and strengthening skills of staff of family-serving agencies, health care organizations, community-based organizations, and social service agencies.
- Working with parents and parent educators to strengthen skills and increase understanding of childhood development.
- Providing workshops for county residents regarding nutrition education, housing & consumer education.
- Building capacity through community coalitions and initiatives.

Education Programs

Parenting and Child Development

Parent Education Services

UWEX partners with diverse organizations/institution to offer research based parenting education:

- The Nurturing Program
- Effective Black Parenting
- Bringing Baby Home
- Raising a Thinking Child

Professional Development for Family Support Workers

Services include;

- **Parent** education resources for home visitors, nurses, prenatal care coordinators, social workers and supervisors.
- **Consultative services** to the Empowering Families of Milwaukee Home Visitation Program (EFM). EFM is a voluntary and comprehensive home visitation program that focuses on the safety and healthy development of children prenatal to age five.

Over 300 workers and supervisors are trained each year in the following areas:

- **Core Workshops** (Home Visitation Foundations, Great Beginnings Start Before Birth, Parents As Teachers Born to Learn Program)
- **Supervision** (Advanced and Reflective Supervision)
- **Assessment Tools** (HOME, ASQ, ASQ/SE)
- **Capacity Building** (Marketing, Curriculum Selection, Evaluation)

Education Programs

Financial Management

The **Get Checking** program is a 6 hr. educational workshop that assists individuals who have had previous unsuccessful, or no prior, relationships with financial institutions, open an account with a participating bank or credit union. This program is offered in partnership with Consumer Credit Counseling Services and the Social Development Commission.

Predatory Lending and Foreclosure Prevention

Education and outreach activities designed to combat rising foreclosure rates and help participants to become savvy loan product consumers. Education is focused on:

- **Increasing** consumer and community partner awareness
- **Building** knowledge, skills and practices surrounding Predatory Lending and Foreclosure to ensure preservation of homeownership and build awareness of predatory lending characteristics
- **Developing** proactive workshops, community resource enhancement and local, state and national collaboration surrounding predatory lending prevention and foreclosure prevention.

UW-Extension sponsors classes to assist consumers in making sound credit decisions leading to successful homeownership, with the goal of enhancing economic stability for Milwaukee's families.