Success Stories

“I had a couple attend Parents’ Place for months. Their child had been put into foster care and they were desperate to have him returned home. Even though their child was not currently living with them, they were able to take the techniques and strategies we were discussing and put them to use during their weekly visitations. Happily, the child was eventually placed back in the home giving the parents plenty of real world situations to use their new found techniques. One of the parents happily shared in class that she thought Parents’ Place classes were instrumental in having their son returned to them.”

“One of the Parents’ Place participants was having trouble getting her 10 year-old son to do his homework. After brainstorming some ideas amongst the group, she decided to back off and let the child experience the consequences imposed at school for not finishing homework. She came back the next week and reported that he had missed recess for two days, then began to do his homework without her even reminding him. She found it amazing that she could parent him less, and he took on more responsibility.”
You are your child’s first teacher. Be the best teacher you can be.

You are not alone.

- Parent support groups focus on helping parents understand the ages and stages of development of their children so they will know what to expect.
- Parent support groups have proven to be effective at helping parents develop new skills and attitudes about parenting.
- Parents meet in a safe environment in which they learn from and share with other parents. Parents draw on their personal experiences and report a change in “not feeling alone.”
- Parent support groups are facilitated by a parent educator who can adapt the direction of the group to suit the needs of the participants or who follows a specific curriculum, depending on the type of group you attend.

Parents’ Place

- Parents’ Place are open groups, workshops and topically driven series that occur in various locations throughout Madison and Dane County.
- Parents receive education, support, information and referral.
- Our staff of professionals create a respectful atmosphere that is interactive and nonjudgmental for all.
- Group facilitators share useful, practical tips and techniques related to parents’ life circumstances, teach valuable skills and problem-solving strategies and encourage parents to form networks of support with each other.
- All groups are drop in and open to the public, no registration or fee required.
- Child care is not provided during these groups so please plan on making other arrangements.

CORE Basic Parenting Skills Class

- Participants in CORE classes must be referred by a Dane County social worker, or pay to participate in the program.
- Core classes consist of 14 hours of basic parenting skills to help parents learn and practice positive parenting techniques that promote child health, safety, nurturing and protection.
- Class participants work with parent educators to focus on their children’s needs and improve their parenting skills.
- All classes display a strong cultural sensitivity and regard for participants’ economic, educational and literacy levels.
- Once the 14 hour course is completed, integration into a Parents’ Place group is encouraged to provide ongoing parent education and support for parents.