

Dane County Courts / Incarceration Services

“Core” Services:

1. CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate)

- Summary: The CASA program uses volunteers to help children who are temporarily under the court’s jurisdiction and the welfare system. The volunteers are make sure that all practitioners in the system remain sensitive to the needs of the child.
- Target population: Children that are under the court’s jurisdiction and or the welfare system
- Website: www.wisconsincasa.org
- Telephone: 608-256-9379

2. Case Mediation Program

- Summary: The Dane County Bar Association sponsors the Case Mediation Program. Mediation is a dispute resolution process by which a neutral third party helps the involved parties reach an agreement. This process is accomplished by focusing on the key issues, exchanging information between the parties, and exploring options for settlement (only on financial issues). Participants may enter into this program voluntarily or they may be court-ordered.
- Target population: Dane County residents looking to settle civil or family law cases (financial issues only)
- Website: www.dcba.net/programs/CaseMediationProgram.html
- Telephone: 608-848-1477

3. Dane County Bar Association

- Summary: Attorneys who are licensed to practice law in the State of Wisconsin and who live or practice law in Dane County are eligible for membership in the Dane County Bar Association.
- Target population: Attorneys who are licensed to practice law in Wisconsin and who live or practice in Dane County
- Website: www.dcba.net
- Telephone: 608-848-1950

4. Dane County Courthouse

- The Dane County Courthouse is the center for the following types of cases: criminal, civil, juvenile, traffic, and others.
- Target population: Citizens of Dane County
- Website: www.countyofdane.com/court/
- Telephone: 608-266-4311

5. Clerk of Courts Record Center

- Summary: The Records Center contains copies of cases and files.
- Target population: Those looking for copies of cases and files.
- Website: www.countyofdane.com/court/court/records.aspx
- Telephone: 608-266-4311 (Telephone requests for records will not be accepted. Records may be requested via the following methods: fax, e-mail, regular mail, or in-person requests.)

6. Dane County Department of Human Services

- Summary: The Dane County Department of Human Services seeks to offer cost-effective services and programs that improve the lives of citizens. The services promote independence, respect diversity, support the community, and promote safety.
- Target population: Citizens of Dane County
- Website: www.danecountyhumanservices.org
- Telephone: 608-242-6200 (general information)

7. Dane County District Attorney

- Summary: The Dane County District Attorney's Office serves the community of Dane County by enforcing state law. It prosecutes all adult criminal and juvenile delinquent acts that occur within the 27 districts in Dane County. The DA's Office contains several units including juvenile, felony, traffic (criminal and misdemeanor), victim witness, deferred prosecution, and domestic violence.
- Target population: Dane county citizens
- Website: www.countyofdane.com/daoffice/
- Telephone: 608-266-4211

8. Dane County District Attorney – Deferred Prosecution Unit

- Summary: The Deferred Prosecution Unit (DPU) is a program within the Dane County District Attorney's office in which defendants that meet certain eligibility requirements can avoid adjudication and sentencing. They must agree to and complete one or more assessments or programs that the DPU determines is necessary. They must also take measures to ensure that they do not repeat their criminal behavior.
- Target population: There are several standards for participation in the program: (1) the assistant district attorney assigned to the case must make the referral; (2) the DPU is not obligated to accept any case; (3) the defendant must be 17 or older; (4) the defendant must not have a prior criminal conviction or criminal record; (5) the defendant must agree to participation; (6) the defendant must accept responsibility for the crime; and (7) the defendant must meet with DPU staff for an eligibility interview.
- Website: www.countyofdane.com/daoffice/dpu.htm
- Telephone: 608-284-6896

9. Dane County Family Court

- Summary: The Dane County Family Court is the arm of the county court system that where family issues are handled (divorce, legal separation, child custody, etc.).
- Target population: Citizens of Dane County with a family court issue
- Website: www.countyofdane.com/court/prepare/formFamily.aspx
- Telephone: 608-266-4311

10. Dane County Legal Resource Center

- Summary: The Dane County Legal Resource Center collects most current primary Wisconsin legal resources. These resources include: statutes, administrative codes, Wisconsin Reports, the Northwestern Reporter, and Madison and Dane County ordinances. It also retains old statutes and session laws, Attorneys General opinions, court rules, and selected Wisconsin legal periodicals.

- Target population: Anyone looking for current and past Wisconsin statutes, administrative codes, and ordinances
- Website: <http://wilawlibrary.gov/about/locations.html>
- Telephone: 608-266-6316

11. Probation and Parole

- Summary: Probation and parole are functions of Wisconsin's Department of Corrections. Its agents supervise offenders who are not incarcerated, but are under the control of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.
- Target population: Residents of Wisconsin who are not incarcerated, but are still under the control of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. (The Madison Area is in Region 1.)
- Website: www.wi-doc.com/index_community.htm
- Telephone: 608-261-7440

12. Dane County Sheriff's Office

- Summary: The Office of the Dane County Sheriff represents county law enforcement. This includes operation of county jails, service of process of legal documents (restraining orders, evictions, repossessions, foreclosures), and execution of criminal warrants.
- Target population: Dane County residents in need of the services of county law enforcement
- Website: www.danesheriff.com
- Telephone: 608-284-6800 (general information)

13. Dane County Drug Court Treatment Program

- Summary: Drug treatment courts focus on non-violent offenders who are referred by the district attorney's office and who agree to participate in the program and receive drug treatment instead of a jail sentence. Participants are eligible if they are charged with (1) misdemeanors or felonies that relate directly to controlled substances or (2) a non-drug offense resulting from the defendant's drug abuse. Defendants in the program appear before the judge as a group. The judge reviews the cases along with the district attorney and the treatment provider. The judge has the authority to modify treatments or impose sanctions for violating treatment requirements. If the offender completes the program successfully, the district attorney will move to reduce or dismiss the charges.
- Target population: Non-violent offenders who are referred by the district attorney and who agree to participate in the program by receiving drug treatment instead of a sentence
- Website: www.countyofdane.com/court/alternative/drugTreatment.aspx
- Telephone: 608-266-4311

14. Family Court Assistance Project

- Summary: The Family Court Assistance Project was created to address unrepresented family law litigants. In this program, law students provide legal information, forms, and guidance to unrepresented litigants under the supervision experienced clinical faculty. Law students do not provide legal advice.
- Target population: Unrepresented family law litigants in need of legal information, forms, and guidance
- Website: www.law.wisc.edu/fjr/clinicals/fcap.html
- Telephone: 608-262-1002

15. Dane County Family Court Counseling Service

- Summary: The Dane County Family Court Counseling Service provides mediation and evaluation services to families when Dane County has jurisdiction to assist in resolving custody and physical placement disputes in divorce and paternity cases. “Custody” addresses who makes decisions about the child, while “physical placement” addresses where the child spends time.
- Target population: Dane County residents in need of mediation or evaluation services to resolve custody and physical placement issues in divorce or paternity cases
- Website: www.countyofdane.com/familycourtcounseling/services.aspx
- Telephone: 608-266-4607

16. Guardian Ad Litem

- Summary: A Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) is an attorney who is appointed by a court to represent the interests of a party (minor, incompetent adult, etc.) who may not be able to advocate for him or herself during the court process.
- Target population: Minors or incompetent persons unable to advocate for themselves during the court process
- Website: http://www.wisbar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Consumer_Resources&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentId=92176 (general information)
- Telephone: NA

17. Dane County Juvenile Court Program

- Summary: The Juvenile Court Program operates under the authority of the Presiding Juvenile Judge. It provides several services and programs to juvenile delinquents in conjunction with other county agencies, law enforcement, and community-based providers.
- Target population: Dane County juveniles who have had interaction with the Dane County Juvenile Courts.
- Website: www.countyofdane.com/juvenilecourt/
- Telephone: 608-266-4983

18. Home Detention Program (part of Dane County Juvenile Court Program)

- Summary: The Home Detention Program is an alternative to detention and non-secure placement. Through the program, a community youth worker helps the offender’s parent or guardian provide a safe and secure environment for the juvenile pending his or her court date.
- Target population: Juveniles awaiting a Dane County court’s disposition of his or her case
- Website: www.countyofdane.com/juvenilecourt/home_detention_program.aspx
- Telephone: 608-246-3277

19. Juvenile Detention Center (part of Dane County Juvenile Court Program)

- Summary: The Juvenile Detention Center is a safe environment for juveniles placed there by the court. It seeks to provide them with the chance to learn new skills that will allow them to contribute to society when they leave. Juveniles are generally put in the Detention Center for one of the following reasons: (1) there is a reasonable belief that if released he or she would harm others; (2) there is a reasonable belief that if released he or she would be unavailable for

further court proceedings; or (3) he or she has violated a court order or other provision of a supervision order.

- Target population: Juveniles whose court process and disposition is pending and who have been ordered to stay in a secure facility
- Website: www.countyofdane.com/juvenilecourt/juvenile_detention_center.aspx
- Telephone: 608-283-2926

20. Juvenile Administration and Reception Center (part of Dane County Juvenile Court Program)

- Summary: The Juvenile Reception Center is the point of referral for which juveniles who are alleged to have committed a crime, but who cannot be returned to a parent or guardian pending the disposition of the case.
- Target population: Juveniles awaiting the disposition of a case, but who (1) cannot be released to a parent or guardian and (2) have been referred by law enforcement for secure custody
- Website: www.countyofdane.com/juvenilecourt/administration_reception_center.aspx
- Telephone: 608-266-4983

21. Shelter Home (part of Dane County Juvenile Court Program)

- Summary: The Shelter Home is a non-secure residential facility for juveniles who (1) need a place to stay pending further court activity and (2) are not required to stay in a secure facility.
- Target population: Juveniles who are awaiting court action and who are not required to be in a secure facility
- Website: www.countyofdane.com/juvenilecourt/shelter_home.aspx
- Telephone: 608-246-3277

22. Restraining Order Clinic

- Summary: This is a clinic in which UW-Madison law students under an attorney's supervision assist participants in creating restraining orders. The students do not provide legal advice.
- Target population: People seeking assistance in taking out a restraining order
- Website: www.countyofdane.com/court/prepare/assistance.aspx
- Telephone: 608-266-6316

23. State Bar Association Lawyer Directory

- Summary: The State Bar of Wisconsin Association Lawyer Directory provides a search function, whereby anyone with internet access can search for an attorney using a variety of criteria.
- Target population: Any person with internet access looking for an attorney
- Website: www.wisbar.org
- Telephone: 608-257-3838 or 800-728-7788

24. State Bar of Wisconsin Lawyer Referral and Information Service

- Summary: The State Bar of Wisconsin Lawyer Referral and Information Service is a program to help persons find attorneys. A legal assistant can assist people in finding an attorney in his or her area of need. Attorneys referred through this service have agreed to charge no more than \$20 for the first consultation (up to ½ hour). If the person works with the referred attorney for longer than the first ½ hour, the attorney's regular fees apply.

- Target population: Anyone looking for a lawyer licensed in Wisconsin
- Website: www.wisbar.org/AM/template.cfm?Section=LRIS&Template=/CustomSource/LRIS/index.cfm&area=1
- Telephone: 608-257-4666 or 800-362-9082 (outside the Madison area)

25. Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office

- Summary: The Office of the State Public Defender provides high quality legal services to defendants as a part of a fair criminal justice system.
- Target population: Persons needing a defense attorney in Wisconsin
- Website: www.wisspd.org
- Telephone: 608-266-0087

26. Wisconsin Court System

- Summary: The Wisconsin Court System provides links to court services offered to the public.
- Target population: Wisconsin citizens in need of the various services offered to the public by the court system
- Website: www.wicourts.gov
- Telephone: NA

27. Wisconsin State Law Library

- Summary: The State Law Library's collection contains primary law for all federal and state jurisdictions as well as practice materials for all major areas of law.
- Target population: Anyone looking for primary law for state and federal jurisdictions and practice materials for all major areas of law
- Website: <http://wilawlibrary.gov/>
- Telephone: 800-322-9755

“Community” Services:

28. Bayview Neighborhood Center

- Summary: The Center gives Bayview families a sense of belonging. It also serves as a cultural resource center for Madison. It is known for its colorful art, creative climate, and success stories. It provides meeting and office space for Madison public health and police department personnel as well as numerous other Madison area organizations.
- Target population: Dane County residents
- Website: www.bayviewfoundation.org
- Telephone: 608-256-2386

29. Boys and Girls Club of Dane County – Allied, Taft

- Summary: The Boys and Girls Club seeks to inspire children to dream of the future and to provide them with the skills needed to achieve those dreams. The Club does this through programs in five core areas: character and leadership development, education and career development; health and life skills; arts; and sports, fitness, and recreation.
- Target population: All young people, particularly those from disadvantaged circumstances
- Website: www.bgcdc.org
- Telephone: 608-257-2606

30. Bridge Lake Point Waunona Neighborhood Center

- Summary: The center has a Latino Family Resource Center, multiple youth and teen bilingual programs, and family and adult programs.
- Target population: Community residents: kids, adults, and families
- Website: www.blwcenter.org
- Telephone: 608-441-6991

31. Centro Hispano

- Summary: Centro Hispano works to serve Latino youth in Dane County schools. It also provides cultural, educational, and social service programs for adults.
- Target population: Latino youth in Dane County schools
- Website: www.micentro.org
- Telephone: 608-255-3018

32. Common Wealth Development

- Summary: CWD offers job training, placement, financial education and mentoring for low-income teens; promotes the creation of living wage jobs for low-to-moderate income residents while improving the local business climate; creates affordable housing for people with limited incomes; preserves and improves existing housing while enhancing the community's socio-economic diversity; and involves residents in community-building activities.
- Target population: Madison's Williamson-Marquette neighborhood
- Website: www.cwd.org
- Telephone: 608-256-3527

33. East Madison Community Center

- Summary: The East Madison Community Center seeks to promote educational, recreational, and community activities for all citizens in its service area. It advances these opportunities with the assistance of public and private funds and the support of paid and volunteer staff.
- Target population: Madison's east side community
- Website: www.eastmadisoncc.org
- Telephone: 608-249-1606

34. Goodman Community Center / Atwood Community Center

- Summary: The Center seeks to create a community atmosphere; collaborates with individuals and other agencies to identify and respond to community needs; promotes recreational and cultural events; and creates and coordinates meeting space.
- Target population: The Center's designated service area includes the following four neighborhoods on Madison's near east side: Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara, Eken Park, Emerson East, and Worthington Park. Though these are the neighborhoods actively invited to join in Center programs and activities, everyone is welcome.
- Website: www.goodmancenter.org
- Telephone: 608-241-1574

35. Kennedy Heights Community Center

- Summary: The Kennedy Heights Community Center provides social, cultural, recreational, and educational programs for the children and adults living at Kennedy Heights in the hopes of adding variety and enrichment to their lives and creating a community support network.
- Target population: North side of Madison / Kennedy Heights
- Website: www.khcommunitycenter.org
- Telephone: 608-244-0767

36. Lussier Community Education Center

- Summary: The Lussier Community Education Center strives to create leadership within our community. The programs focus on youth development in after school and summer day camp settings. The Center encourages teens and adults to organize and work to solve problems facing the community. Other programs provide educational opportunities and direct services which work to improve the quality of life for community members.
- Target population: Madison's west side
- Website: www.lcecmadison.org
- Telephone: 608-833-4979

37. Lussier Teen Center (part of the Goodman Community Center)

- Summary: The Lussier Teen Center is open after school for a myriad of activities such as video and arcade games, music, computers with wireless access, free healthy snacks, and concession stand with inexpensive snack foods. Staff is on hand at all times to provide a safe and friendly environment and registration is not required.
- Target population: Youth ages 13-19. The Center's designated service area includes the following four neighborhoods on Madison's near east side: Schenk-Atwood-Starkweather-Yahara, Eken Park, Emerson East, and Worthington Park. Though these are the neighborhoods actively invited to join in Center programs and activities, everyone is welcome.
- Website: www.goodmancenter.org/programs/high-school
- Telephone: 608-241-1574, Extension: 229 (Middle and High School Program Director)

38. Mount Horeb Youth Center

- Summary: The Mount Horeb Youth Center is a non-profit community organization that provides middle school age youth with quality after-school programming. The Youth Center is managed by the YMCA of Dane County, Inc.. It is a safe meeting place for middle school youth to participate in positive social, recreational, educational, and community service activities. The youth center is free to all middle school youth.
- Target population: Middle school youth
- Website: www.mthorebyc.net
- Telephone: 608-437-6780

39. Neighborhood House Community Center

- Summary: The Neighborhood House Community Center provides quality educational, recreational, and social programming to Madison residents. Neighborhood House supports thousands of residents each year through its youth and senior programs, emergency food pantry, facility usage, and information and referral. Neighborhood Houses create opportunities

for area residents to strengthen the community by making connections, building relationships, and embracing diversity through social, educational, and recreational activities.

- Target population: Madison residents
- Website: www.neighborhoodhousemadison.org
- Telephone: 608-255-5337

40. Northport Apartments Community Center

- Summary: NA
- Target population: Residents of Northport Apartments
- Website: NA
- Telephone: 608-255-2759

41. Packer Apartments Community Center

- Summary: NA
- Target population: Residents of Packer Apartments
- Website: NA
- Telephone: 608-255-2759

42. Oregon Youth Center

- Summary: The Oregon Youth Center is a safe, alcohol and drug free place for middle school students to participate in positive activities. It is free of charge. To attend, a registration form is required and is available on the website.
- Target population: Middle school youth
- Website: www.vil.oregon.us/VillageGovernment/YouthCenter.htm
- Telephone: 608-835-0822

43. Stoughton Area Youth Center

- Summary: The Stoughton Area Youth Center is a place for students entering or currently in grades 5 through 8. There is a variety of activities and snacks are available. There are events at the Stoughton Area youth Center that entertain the youth center participants. There are also classes available.
- Target population: Students in grades 5-8
- Website: www.ci.stoughton.wi.us/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={63B2A697-1F4C-453A-92CA-A75709E82511}
- Telephone: NA

44. Urban League of Greater Madison

- Summary: The Urban League seeks to empower through three main programs: college readiness and career development, workforce development, and equity development.
- Target population: African Americans, other people of color, and the economically disadvantaged in the community.
- Website: www.ulgm.org
- Telephone: 608-729-1200

45. Vera Court Neighborhood Center

- Summary: The Vera Court Neighborhood Center works in collaboration with community members and organizations to provide programming for families, children, adults, seniors and the entire Vera Court community. This programming seeks to empower community members and to respond to community needs as they develop. Programming reflects the strengths and diversity of the current Vera Court community.
- Target population: Vera Court community
- Website: www.veracourt.org
- Telephone: 608-246-8372

46. Warner Park Community Recreation Center

- Summary: Warner Park Community Recreation Center is a gathering place which provides innovative growth and enrichment opportunities for the Madison community. It works to connect people of all ages, races, and cultural backgrounds. It is located on the northeast side of Madison and is a state-of-the-art facility with the capacity to host community activities including recreational, educational, and cultural programs and events. The facility includes a gymnasium, exercise room, game room, and craft rooms. Rooms are can also be rented for banquets, company gatherings, weddings, parties, etc..
- Target population: Madison residents
- Website: www.cityofmadison.com/parks/warnerpark
- Telephone:
 - Open gym schedule: 608-245-3690
 - North Eastside Senior Coalition: 608-243-5252
 - MSCR offices at WPCRC: 608-245-3669
 - Facility rental: 608-245-3694

47. Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center

- Summary: The Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center is a community-directed, non-profit organization based in the Williamson- Marquette neighborhood. It focuses on enhancing the quality of life by fostering community building and partnerships. It also supports life-enriching programs which provide opportunities and services.
- Target population: Madison residents
- Website: www.wil-mar.org
- Telephone: 608-257-4576

48. Wisconsin Youth Company, Inc.

- Summary: The Wisconsin Youth Company (WYC) is a non-profit organization serving youth in Dane and Waukesha Counties since 1974. It provides informal education, recreation, care, and enrichment programs for children and youth at a “sustainable” cost.
- Target population: Youth (kindergarten through middle school) in Dane and Waukesha Counties
- Website: www.wisconsinyouthcompany.org
- Telephone: 800-238-1174 or 608-276-8770

49. YMCA of Dane County: East, Northeast, and West

- Summary: The YMCA strengthens communities through programs that promote healthy lifestyles for mind, body, and spirit.
- Target population: Everyone
- Website: www.ymcadanecounty.org
- Telephone:
 - Association offices: 608-664-9622
 - Lussier Family East YMCA Branch: 608-221-1571
 - Northeast YMCA Branch: 608-837-822
 - Lussier Family West YMCA Branch: 608-276-6606