



Office of Child Care  
and Family Resources  
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Office of Child Care & Family Resources,

As spring breathes new life into our world, we take a moment to honor the remarkable journey and achievements of our parenting students at UW Madison.

Thanks to your unwavering support, **parenting students have navigated the challenges of pursuing higher education while shaping a better future for their families and our wider community.** Their success is a beacon of hope, not only achieving personal goals but also paving the way for brighter prospects for many generations to come.

**Join us in celebrating these inspiring journeys** that reflect the strength and determination of this incredible community of parenting students!

**Rachel Chenowith**

Doctor of Nursing Practice

"Support from the Office of Child Care and Family Resources **allowed me to send my child to an incredible daycare.** Instead of having to work more hours as a nurse on weekends to ensure that our family could afford childcare during the week, I was able to spend my weekends focused on studying and ensuring that we were able to spend quality time together as a family."



**Jesus Garza-Noriega**

Counseling Psychology

"As a first-generation college student, navigating campus resources was very challenging, and I contemplated withdrawing once my wife and I had children. But thanks to the OCCFR, I

was able to pursue my academic career while knowing my family was being cared for. These resources were critical in helping me make the Dean's list each semester, and also in becoming a Ronald E. McNair scholar."



**Will Anderson**  
Juris Doctor

"OCCFR was a huge help to me and my family! Returning to school after more than a 10-year gap was scary and stressful enough, but my wife and I also had our first child while I was a full-time student. **The child care funding we received allowed me to complete my degree with less stress** and made the decision to enter the public sector after graduation much easier. The OCCFR staff really went above and beyond - thanks so much!"



[View our Parenting Student Yearbook](#)

This narrative of empowerment is one we continue to weave together. I look forward to our continued work together to expand access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education for all our UW-Madison families, building a brighter future for all.

With sincere appreciation,  
Cigdem Unal, Director



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