



Office of Child Care and Family Resources

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Dear UW-Madison Families and Early Educators,

As we welcome the [Week of the Young Child](#) this April 6-12, I am reminded of the importance of early childhood education and the role it plays in our communities, both here in Wisconsin, and around the world.

This annual celebration created by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) offers us a moment to focus on the needs of young children and their families, while also honoring the invaluable contributions of early childhood educators and programs.

To our families, we extend our deepest gratitude for your commitment to your children's growth and development. Your endless love, patience, and encouragement serve as the foundation for their bright futures.

To our children, we celebrate your boundless curiosity, creativity, and resilience. You are the vibrant hearts of our communities, and your potential is limitless.

And to our early educators, we honor your relentless dedication to fostering the minds and hearts of our youngest learners. Your passion, devotion, and empathy are critical in setting the stage for children's success in school and beyond.

Together, let's celebrate the Week of the Young Child by cherishing the journey of childhood and renewing our shared vision for **accessible, high-quality, and affordable early childhood education for all children**. Together, we can build a better world for everyone.

With heartfelt regards,
Cigdem Unal, Director



SAVE THE DATE | APRIL 16-17





Help us reach 50 donations to unlock \$10,000 for campus child care and UW families

The countdown is on for the Day of the Badger! [Mark your calendars](#) and spread the word for this annual two-day fundraising event in celebration of Badger pride.

Any gift, no matter the size, counts!

Help us reach our participation challenge of 50 donors to unlock an incredible \$10,000 matching gift from our supporter, Marlene Hartzman. Your support enables to ensure:

- **children** thrive in affordable, high-quality child care
- **parenting students** stay on the path to degree completion
- **campus child care center educators** create innovative learning experiences for the children in their classrooms

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