The UW South Madison Partnership (UWSMP) acts as a connector among Madison-area families, community organizations, and UW-Madison faculty, students, and staff. We are committed to the well-being of the South Madison community by fostering and sustaining meaningful partnerships. In our shared event and program space, UWSMP promotes an environment of belonging, access, and awareness of both university and community resources, and opportunities for building quality relationships. We seek to strengthen our local communities and impact positive outcomes in the areas of community development and civic engagement, education, and health.

The UW South Madison Partnership hosts a wide variety of partners throughout the year, representing multiple program areas including education, health and nutrition, legal services and more.
The UW-Odyssey Project offers University of Wisconsin-Madison humanities classes for adult students facing economic barriers to college. The majority of students that participate in the Odyssey Course are from racial and ethnic minority groups (~90%) and are often overcoming the obstacles of single parenthood, homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction, incarceration, depression, and domestic abuse. Odyssey students report transformative outcomes, and some have even moved from homelessness to bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Students also say that they read more to their children, feel that they are better parents and advocates for their children in school, have more hope about their own futures, and are more likely to vote and become involved in their communities.
According to the Alzheimer’s Association Facts and Figures 2023, Alzheimer’s disease affects more than 6.7 million Americans age 65 and older – more than 120,000 in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (ADRC) is working to change that. Through funding from the National Institute on Aging and the National Institutes of Health, the Wisconsin ADRC supports researchers in their pursuit of answers that will lead to improved diagnosis and care for patients while, at the same time, focusing on the program’s long-term goal – finding a way to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer’s disease.

The Wisconsin ADRC is focused primarily on improving early detection of Alzheimer’s disease, identifying risk and protective factors, and finding ways to delay onset and progression. Much of the center’s science is based on a wealth of information made possible by the commitment of the research volunteers and families involved in the longitudinal Wisconsin ADRC Clinical Core and the Wisconsin ADRC Research Recruitment Registry.
The Neighborhood Law Clinic (NLC) provides a broad range of legal services including rental housing and employment law. Clinical law students staff the community-based office at the UW South Madison Partnership. Students handle individual cases and engage in community-led education and advocacy when appropriate.

Students engage in traditional litigation practice, using skills such as fact investigation, legal research, analysis, drafting, negotiation, counseling, and trial work. Students also learn to participate in and consider less traditional lawyering activities, such as public speaking, drafting education materials, and participating in local campaigns for social and economic justice.
African Center for Community Development, Inc.

African Center for Community Development was formed in November 2014 and became active in 2018. It was birthed out of the African Association of Madison, Inc (AAM), now a sister organization to AAM. The AAM’s management saw that the African population in Dane county was fast growing and in need of a varied array of social and educational services, hence the formation of the African Center for Community Development, Inc.
UW Extension: Center for Patient Partnerships

The Center for Patient Partnerships is a national leader in patient advocacy.

An interdisciplinary center of the Schools of Law, Medicine and Public Health, Nursing, and Pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the center trains professional and graduate students from a diversity of disciplines in the art and science of patient advocacy and patient-centered care. Through clinical advocacy training, students advocate for patients (or family members) with life-threatening and serious chronic illnesses as they navigate the healthcare system and address related legal, financial and psychosocial issues.

In addition to advocacy education, the center engages in grant-driven projects and systemic advocacy. Field placement students participate in ongoing projects or design a self-directed project relevant to patient engagement/empowerment, health advocacy, health care navigation or consumer-driven health systems performance improvement.
Community members can have their taxes (including Homestead) prepared for **FREE** at the Richard Dilley Tax Center, a partnership with Dane County UW Extension, City of Madison, IRS, UW Madison, and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. This volunteer coordinated site is for low-income, elderly and/or people with disabilities and is open every year from late January through April 15th.

Visit the [UW Extension Family and Finances](https://www2.uwex.uitext.com/) website to learn more about the services and programs they provide.
Covering Wisconsin is a nonprofit, outreach program of Extension at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Their focus is to help people understand and sign up for publicly available health insurance and other programs that support health. They are predominantly funded by grants and donations and serve the entire state of Wisconsin.

Covering Wisconsin helps anyone in Wisconsin secure health insurance coverage, seek timely care, and navigate the healthcare system with a focus on communities most at risk.
The Madison Forward Fund is a year-long guaranteed income experimental program for Madison residents. The guaranteed income is a monthly, cash payment of $500 given directly to 155 households for 12 months. It is unconditional, with no strings attached and no work requirements. This also means there are no restrictions on how the money can be spent. This program is founded upon the belief that the people in poverty are best positioned to make informed financial decisions that efficiently address their household’s needs.

In addition to the program’s monthly cash payment there may also be an opportunity to be compensated for participation in research surveys.
South Madison Photo Exhibit

UWSMP’s main hall is home to a South Madison Photo Exhibit by local photographer Hedi Lamarr Rudd.

About the Exhibit
Title: South Madison: Past, Present, and Future

This gallery is a selection from a wider collection of photos curated by Hedi LaMarr Rudd to showcase the past, present, and future of South Madison and the people who are part of this community. The photos span many years and events that Hedi captured across the South Madison community.
Collaborative Murals

The UWSMP Space is decorated with bright paintings designed by local Artists, Lilada Gee. These murals were painted collaboratively by UW and community volunteers in August of 2022.

Words From Lilada About the Murals

I create a lot of portraits in my work. What I want people to be aware of is that this is a community space, yet we are all individuals. Individuals make up a community and each of us have different needs, experiences and expressions. So even as we think of community, too often, I think we forget that there are multiple experiences, needs, hopes and desires within those communities. I’m hoping these portraits inspire us to remember the individual within the community.
Collaborative Murals by Lilada Gee
Reservable Spaces at UWSMP

Room 104 & 108, often reserved combined as a large conference room
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Small Conference Room 117, Classroom 120 & the Computer Lab (rm 115)