



Dane County Organizations Supporting Youth

Boys and Girls Club of Dane County: <https://www.bgcdc.org/>

Aims to lead the way in youth development, partnering with local businesses, foundations and community program initiatives to empower and inspire all young people, especially those in need.

Briarpatch Youth Services: <https://youthsos.org/>

The agency offers a broad array of services to runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth, and works closely with local governments and other non-profit organizations to provide programs that fill service gaps.

Defending Black Girlhood: <https://lilada.org/>

A non-profit organization that inspires Black women to join Lilada Gee in her life's work to defend Black girlhood, by creating safe places for Black girls as well as themselves, to heal.

Freedom Inc.: <https://freedom-inc.org/>

Through direct services, community organization and leadership development, Freedom Inc. looks to bring about social, political, cultural, and economic change resulting in the end of violence against women, gender-non-conforming and transgender folks, and children within communities of color.

Goodman Community Center: <https://www.goodmancenter.org/>

Committed to creating community where *everyone* has what they need to make a meaningful life, the Goodman provides programming that centers around Academic Success & Lifelong Learning, Community Engagement, Leadership & Life Skills, and Healthy Nutrition and Fitness Habits.

Maydm: <https://maydm.org/>

Provides girls and youth of color in grades 6-12 with skill-based training for the technology sector, preparing students from traditionally underrepresented populations to engage in and revolutionize the tech industries.

Mentoring Positives: <https://www.communityshares.com/voices/mentoring-positives-breaking-the-cycle/>

Works with black youth and young men engaging in discussions about life, difficulties that are faced, conflict resolution, and especially how challenges can be met in ways that strengthen character and enable those involved in the program to take ownership of their lives.

Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership & Development: <https://nehemiah.org/>

Provides a wide array of culturally competent and relevant programs to meet the needs of K-12 African-American students in the greater Madison area. Areas of focus include: academics, learning readiness, social & emotional learning skills, and leadership development.

Operation Fresh Start: <http://www.operationfreshstart.org/>

Programs are designed to transform lives of those aged 16-24, providing a path forward for disconnected youth through mentoring, education, and employment training including earning high school diplomas and driver's licenses, as well as continuing education and/or finding employment.

Urban Triage Inc.: <https://urbantriage.org/>

Empowering and inspiring breakthroughs and transformation of Black children, adults, and communities by enabling self-sufficiency, community leadership, advocacy, and family success through psychoeducation, community engagement, trauma response, healing, and cultural heritage.

UNIDOS: <https://unidoswi.org/en/>

Provides community education, leadership development, and training/technical assistance to the Latino community, with services focusing on victim advocacy and support for youth and adults who have suffered domestic violence.

Vera Court Neighborhood Program: <http://www.veracourt.org/>

Programming for elementary and middle schoolers includes tutoring, college exploration, healthy snacks and meals, and fitness activities. Additionally, students may opt to participate in Life as a Boy, Girl Neighborhood Power, and Youth Leadership programs.

YWCA: <https://www.ywcamadison.org/>

The largest provider of affordable housing to women, children and families in Dane County, the YWCA also advances issues of racial equity providing resources to those seeking to find change, maintain a job and/or acquire skills to advance in the workplace helping with resume and cover letter writing, job application completion, and finding new employment opportunities.