

"This program helped me in a lot of ways... not just with school but it made my days brighter just being there. I liked that my child was just across the hall."

Hope Student

"My daughter was losing self-respect because of her failures at high school. At Hope, she was able to finish her high school credits and graduate with her class. There were no judgments made."

Parent of Hope Student

Hope Academy has been nationally recognized within the field of family literacy for our cutting-edge work with birth to three-year-olds, as well as for language interaction between parents and children of this age range in its "Early Childhood Educare" program.

Graduates of Hope Achieve

- High school diploma or GED
- Successful completion of at least one entrance exam to a post-secondary institution
- Completed 'Senior Exit Project', including but not limited to:
 - A financial literacy course
 - A career and college prep course
 - Writing "their story"
 - Presentation of transition plan beyond high school
- Increased language interaction with their child
- Knowledge of child development

Classes follow the La Crosse School District Calendar and are held Monday-Thursday.
Transportation assistance may be available.

For more information, to make a referral, or if interested in tutoring please contact

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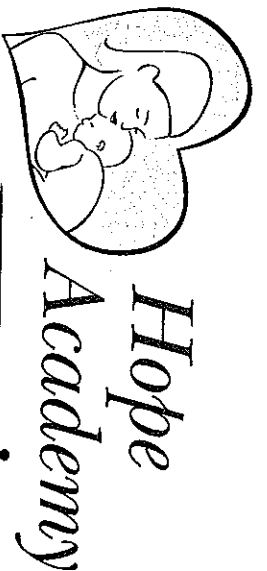


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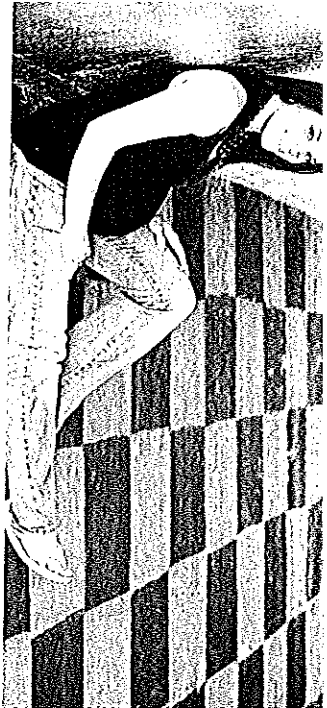
Hope Academy is funded by grants, private donations, referring school districts, and many other community partners including Great Rivers United Way.



A Program of Family & Children's Center



A place for teen parents
and their children
to learn, to grow and to belong.



Hope Academy is a school where pregnant and parenting teens can attend to complete a high school credential and raise a healthy child. We believe that teen parents have the potential to be great parents.

The purpose of *Hope Academy* is to ensure the long-term self-sufficiency and parenting capacity of teen parents and the healthy growth and development of their children.

The school serves pregnant and parenting teens 14-21 who are completing high school or would like to earn their GED or HSED. Teens and their children within 60 miles of La Crosse are eligible to attend at no cost to the family.

Hope Academy uses a family literacy model, offering instructional services that include early childhood education, adult literacy education, parenting education, and structured literacy interaction between teen parents and their children. By using this family literacy model, *Hope* serves two generations simultaneously, intervening to ensure that children of teen parents enter school ready to learn.



Hope Academy Core Components

Academic Preparation

- Accredited high school curriculum aligned with Wisconsin Common Core State Standards
- Individualized high school instruction that is designed to meet the needs of a variety of learning levels
- Curriculum leading to a high school diploma (awarded from the student's high school), GED or HSED
- Coursework preparing young parents for college and/or employment

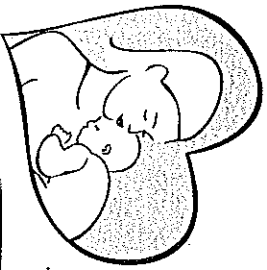
Early Childhood Educare

- Nurturing care for children up to age three
- Age appropriate learning environment offers the children a place that encourages learning, creativity, personal growth and a fun environment where they will feel safe and secure
- Program designed to provide a language-rich environment so children are prepared for preschool and ready for a lifetime of learning. Experienced staff complete child assessments to provide an accurate picture of each child's developing abilities



Parent & Life Education

- Students learn to make choices about what type of parents they will be, what kinds of relationships they will have, what sorts of people they will be and what types of jobs they will have
 - Students learn about themselves and how to care for themselves and their children
 - Students learn how to pick themselves up and move on when they don't make good choices
- #### *Mommy Support Group*
- Purposeful play and literacy interaction between parent and child to prepare children's brains for learning
 - Guided discussion about topics that matter, including common childhood ailments, nutrition, coping with unsolicited advice, child guidance, parent-child bonding, reading and playing with children to help them develop
 - Unique bonding environment where teen parents connect to form a support network
 - Learning from each other and supporting each other



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