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Community TIES

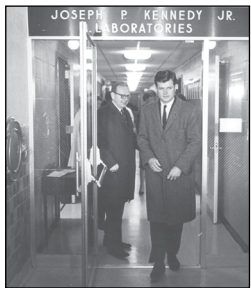
(Training, Intervention and Evaluation Services)



The Community TIES program offers support to children, adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities who present challenging behaviors and reside in Dane County. Family members, guardians, and service agencies often report significant stress in supporting individuals with developmental disabilities who also present challenging behaviors and thus may require additional support. The TIES program seeks to enable these individuals to remain a part of their communities. In doing so, the TIES program utilizes and teaches non-punitive ways to redirect or modify specific behaviors. The program provides support and consultation in the community-based environment where a person's challenging behavior occurs.

M I L E S T O N E S

1963



Dedication of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Memorial Laboratories on the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. The precursor to the Waisman Center, Harry

A. Waisman, MD, PhD, was the research director of the laboratories, which were housed in the UW Orthopedic Children's Hospital. Senator Edward M. Kennedy (right) attended the dedication.

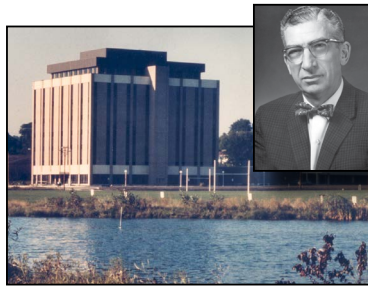
1965

UW-Madison is selected by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) as one of the first two sites in the United States for the construction of a multidisciplinary center devoted to the study of human development and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

1968

With the passage of the Developmental Disabilities Act, UW-Madison is selected as a site for a University Affiliated Facility, one of 10 initial programs. Today, there are 67 in the United States that are now referred to as University Centers for Excellence in

Developmental Disabilities. These centers provide training, services, applied research and outreach programs.



1973

The Waisman Center is dedicated in the name of Harry A. Waisman, MD, PhD, a biochemist, pediatrician and pioneer in intellectual and developmental disabilities research.

1986

Community TIES program begins under the leadership of Paul White, MA. At that time many individuals were leaving institutions and they needed support to successfully integrate and live within their own communities. White's initial case load was four individuals.



1990

The TIES Clinic is established to provide psychiatric care and consultation to individuals with developmental disabilities who are unable to obtain psychiatric care from other providers due to financial challenges, behavioral issues, or medical complexity. Patients seen in the TIES Clinic are also supported by the Community TIES Program

1994

A Constituent Advisory Committee is organized to formally solicit advice from individuals with developmental disabilities and their families regarding programs and services.

1997

The Crisis Response program is established for individuals with developmental disabilities who might be at risk of hospitalization or arrest. The program is managed by Axel Junker, MS, and coordinates a Safe House as well as a group of crisis outreach staff who can provide additional support to individuals in need at their homes. The newly established Adaptations and Modifications (A&M) Program strives to create safe and appropriate home environments to ensure continued participation in community life. The A&M program and significant portion of Crisis Response today are operated in cooperation with Responsive Solutions Inc., a private non-for profit agency.



1998

A Waisman Center community outreach site is created in central Madison, to host the many trainings on community inclusion coordinated by the newly established Training & Consultation program. The Olin Avenue outreach site is a component of Waisman’s University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, currently led by associate director Bill MacLean, PhD.

2002

The Sound Response Program – an innovative way of utilizing emerging technologies to enhance the safety of overnight supports provided to individuals in family homes or supported community homes – starts its operation. In 2015 Night Owl Support Systems, LLC assumes responsibilities of the Sound response program to accommodate the tremendous growth and expansion of the program into six other states.



2007

Living Our Visions (LOV-Dane) is started by Amanda Bell. A grass roots organization of individuals with disabilities, families and community members building fulfilling, community centered lives for all citizens. LOV is engaging in collective action, mobilizing individual and community assets, increasing civic engagement, building reciprocal relationships of caring and mutual support, and developing inclusive and sustainable employment, recreation and living opportunities



2009

Wellness Inclusion Nursing (WIN) program begins. The program nurses serve as consultants to residential and vocational team members, families and health care providers focusing on restoring, maintaining and promoting maximal health and independence for adults with developmental disabilities so they can achieve the best life possible.



2013

The Rhythms program is established by Nan Negri. The program is a cooperative effort between the Waisman Center and Dane County Human Services to further enhance the lives of individuals who experience complex sensory and movement differences and those who support them. The program employs a creative combination of approaches to support the well-being of the individuals and their teams, including regulation (for the body and the mind- through sensory integration, yoga, mindfulness, affirmations, exercise, dance, etc.), augmentative communication supports (high tech-like iPads and low tech visual systems), time designs of days, and focusing on everyone’s strengths and interests.

2015



Paul White retires as the director of Community TIES and Community Outreach Wisconsin (COW) programs. Axel Junker, MS, (*left*) assumes leadership of COW and Josh Lapin, MSW, (*below*) becomes the director of Community TIES, which now serves more than 300 individuals with developmental disabilities.



Our work is from pediatrics to geriatrics; we work with people of all ages and you do not age out of our program. That really fits with our model of relationship-building. As people get older, as families pass on or move away, sometimes we are the only constant for some individuals, and it’s something we take very seriously. I think this long-term relationship component is a central legacy of TIES.

–Josh Lapin, director of Community TIES



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