

# **Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative**

*A Map of Community Resources  
for Men in the City of Milwaukee*

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## **Purpose of Report**

The Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative (MFI) and the Housing Authority City of Milwaukee (HACM) are interested in exploring ways to incorporate MFI services on-site at the Parklawn Public Housing Development.

The purpose of this report is to provide a visual map of the social service resources available to men and fathers in proximity to the Parklawn Public Housing Development.

The report provides a description of the types of resources and their ZIP Code locations in the City of Milwaukee. This information will assist HACM and the MFI in future program development and in efforts to provide the MFI services specifically to residents living in the Parklawn Public Housing Development.

## **Background**

In October of 2005, under the leadership of Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, 25 community leaders participated in an initial training session conducted by the National Fatherhood Initiative. This training set the planning stage for the development of the Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative (MFI) and the launching of the first annual Fatherhood Summit in the city of Milwaukee in October 2006.

The mission of the MFI is to provide support, networks, resources, and education to fathers in the city of Milwaukee. Its primary goal is to enhance the lives of Milwaukee children by promoting responsible fathering and addressing the crisis of absentee fatherhood.

The Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative helps fathers remove barriers so that they can be more engaged and involved with their children. Research indicates that fathers are an integral part of their children's lives, both in providing for their children's economic needs and ensuring a safe and nurturing environment. The MFI works with fathers to build their networks so that their children might benefit from a relationship with them.

The MFI received funding through the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee to launch an expansion of its mission. This included the planning and implementation of annual fatherhood summits and building capacity to sustain the MFI into the future.

In September of 2007, The Planning Council for Health and Human Services, Inc. began conducting a formative program evaluation of the MFI. The Planning Council is a private, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to advance community health and human services through planning, evaluation and research.

## **MFI Services**

Over the past three years, the MFI has supported efforts to strengthen the roles of fathers by encouraging men to take advantage of social service programs and information. The MFI has collaborated with governmental representatives, private businesses, the faith community and community based organizations to support fathers from a diverse fatherhood experiences. The MFI and its partners have provided resources for fathers in the areas that have been identified as having the most direct impact on fathers and parenting, specifically: 1) employment, 2) education, 3) driver's license recovery, 4) child support debt reduction, and 5) men's health.

Currently, the MFI is working to create a systematic approach to supporting responsible fatherhood. It involves the coordination of a collaborative services approach and directly involving fathers in efforts to improve their family relations and "lift up" conditions of the community. This approach includes working with a variety of organizations that will serve as points of contact for fathers and facilitation partners. The MFI's goal is to assemble these organizations to continue to support the many fathers in the community with serious barriers

that the MFI believes often result in dysfunctional behaviors towards their children, families and communities.

### **Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee and the MFI**

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), all federally funded family programs are mandated by the White House to engage and include fathers in meaningful involvement with their children. In many States, HUD has provided outreach to fathers of children living within its public housing communities. The purpose of this outreach, according to HUD, is to encourage reunification of strong nuclear families to benefit and enhance the well-being of children.

The Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM) provides financial and administrative support for the MFI. HACM manages low-income housing subsidized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. HACM offers multiple services to residents with the goal of helping public housing residents achieve self-sufficiency. Over the years, HACM has partnered with social service agencies and programs in Milwaukee to provide on-site social services to public housing residents.

At this time, the MFI and HACM are interested in exploring ways to incorporate MFI services on-site at the Parklawn Public Housing Development.

### **Parklawn Housing Development**

The Parklawn Housing Development is located in a family-oriented, working class neighborhood in the 53216 ZIP Code of Milwaukee. Parklawn has 380 public housing units that are located between North Sherman Boulevard, North 47<sup>th</sup> Street, West Hope and West Congress Avenue. According to City-Data.com, the 53216 ZIP Code area has a high population of men (44.9% or 15,195) who could potentially access the services that the MFI is offering. Additionally, 22% of residents in this ZIP Code area have incomes below the poverty level. There are approximately 5,000 single-parent households in this ZIP Code (with 489 headed by men and 4,747 headed by women).

### **Resource Map Report Methodology**

For the purpose of this report, the evaluation team mapped the resources that provide services to men and families in proximity to the Parklawn Public Housing Development. Resources were identified through three sources of information: 1) a “father friendly” program listing developed by the Parenting Network of Wisconsin, 2) information gathered by the MFI, and 3) internet research.

1. The National Fatherhood Initiative (NFI) suggests that a community with strong father-friendly resources can mobilize to promote responsible fatherhood. The NFI has developed a “Community Needs and Assets Assessment” for communities to utilize to identify existing programs that are “father friendly”. In 2007, the Parenting Network of Wisconsin received funding from the NFI to conduct a community assessment of “father friendly” services in the Milwaukee community. The program listing developed through this community assessment was utilized for the present report.
2. Over the past three years, the MFI has also gathered information on available resources for fathers and families in the Milwaukee community. The MFI has posted these resources and links on their website for easy access for interested parties.
3. For the purpose of this resource map, evaluators conducted extensive internet research to identify any additional resources for men in the Milwaukee community.

Resources from the Parenting Network’s assessment were reviewed and compared with the resources on the MFI’s website. It was determined that the majority of the resources listed on

the MFI’s website were also included in the Parenting Networks’ community assessment listings.<sup>1</sup>

The resources mapped for this report are not an exhaustive listing of social service resources in the City of Milwaukee. Rather, the resource map includes community-based and social service agencies that were identified as providing services to men and/or identified as being “father friendly”.

## Resource Map Results

### Types of Services offered

A total of 55 agencies compiled the list as providing services to men and/or as being “father friendly” programs in the Milwaukee community (See Appendix 1 for names and locations of the 55 agencies). The majority of the compiled agencies (n=53) offered services to a broad population, i.e. males, females, families and different ethnicities. A very small number of agencies (n=2) offered services to a targeted population, i.e. men only or specific ethnicity groups.

All of resources compiled offered services free of charge or on a sliding fee scale. Service modalities for the listed resources included ongoing individual and/or groups services, time-limited, structured groups or family sessions/trainings, and peer support groups.

The 55 agencies that were identified as providing services to men in the Milwaukee community offered several types of services, including: behavioral health and alcohol and drug treatment, domestic violence services, educational assistance, employment assistance, health and medical prevention services, legal and child support assistance, and parenting education and supportive services. A small number of the 55 agencies (n=12), offered more than one type of service for men.

Table 1 lists the types of services offered to men, the number of agencies that provided these services and the number of agencies that offered services specific to fathers.

Table1: Number of agencies providing different types of services

Types of services offered	# of agencies providing services to men	# of agencies compiled as offering father specific services
Behavioral Health and Alcohol and Drug Treatment	10	4
Domestic Violence Services and Education	4	3
Education (adult basic education and/or computer classes)	9	0
Employment Assistance (job readiness trainings, employment skill building)	12	0
Health and Medical Prevention	14	0
Legal, Driver’s License and Child Support Issues	5	3
Parenting Education and Supportive Services	20	9

Note: Total N=55, with some agencies offering more than one type of service.

<sup>1</sup> For this report, the evaluation did not utilize the NFI’s community assets mapping assessment because the evaluation team and the MFI did not deem it necessary to duplicate the assets mapping previously completed by the Parenting Network.

- Seven types of services are offered by the 55 community resource agencies.
- A total of 19 agencies are compiled as providing programming and services specifically for fathers. Types of father specific services included: behavioral health and Alcohol and Drug Treatment, domestic violence, legal services for driver's license and child support issues, and parenting education and supportive services.
- Twenty of the agencies were identified as providing parenting education and supportive services. Nine of these agencies offered parenting programming specifically for fathers.
- Almost all of the community resource agencies offering domestic violence services and education also offered resources and programming specifically for fathers.

### Resources in Proximity to Parklawn Public Housing Development

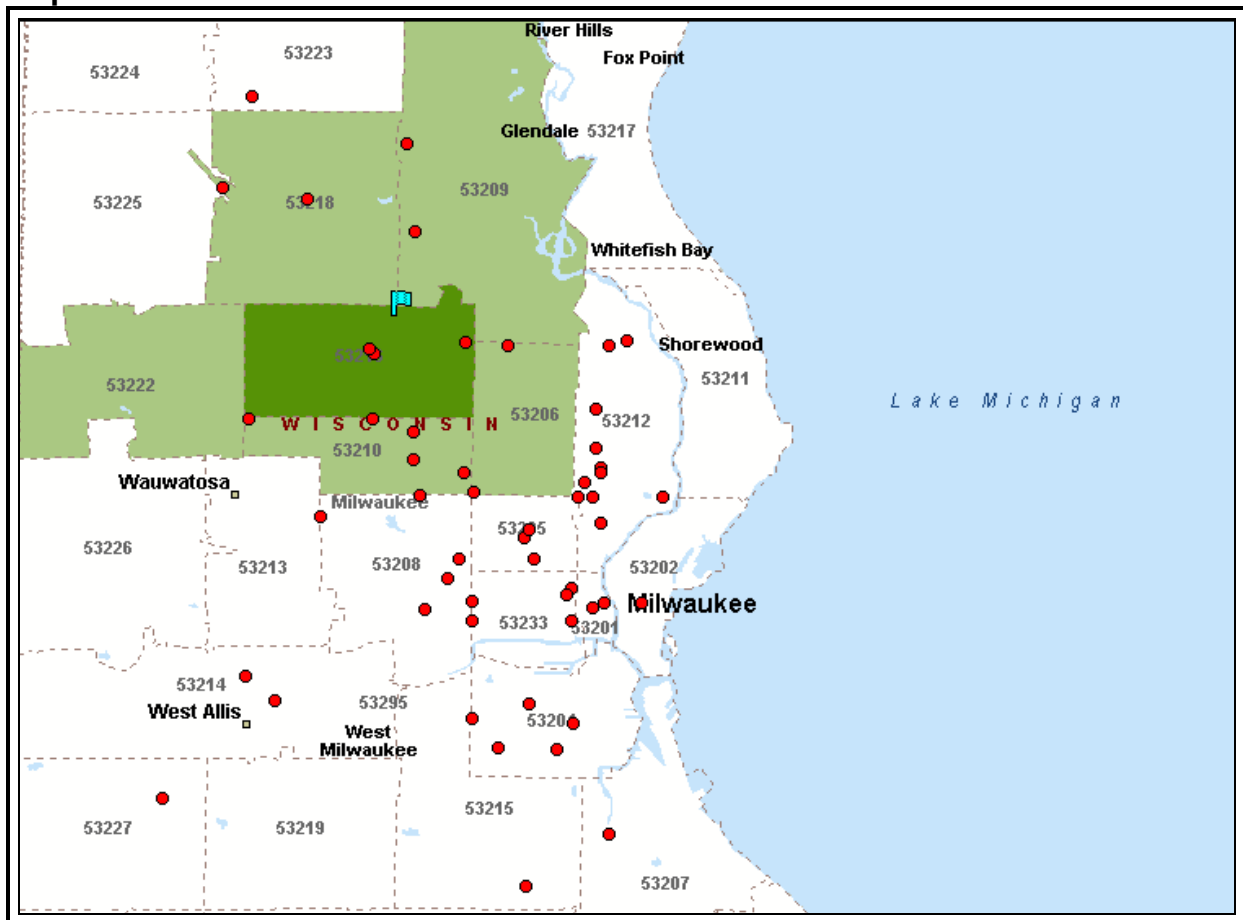
The MFI partners with community-based and social service agencies in Milwaukee to help create networking opportunities for fathers as well as to help dissolve some of the barriers men have in accessing social services. The MFI and HACM are interested in learning about the different types and locations of social service agencies in proximity to the Parklawn Public Housing Development for future program planning and development for MFI services.

The evaluation team used Microsoft MapPoint to create a visual picture of the locations of the social service agencies in the City of Milwaukee that provide services to men and/or "father-friendly" programming.

Map 1 provides a visual layout of locations for the community service agencies in proximity to the Parklawn Public Housing Development.

# Community Resource Agencies in Proximity to Parklawn Public Housing

Map 1



 Parklawn Public Housing = 53216 ZIP       Community Resource Agencies

A total of 54 community resource agencies' locations were included in this map.<sup>2</sup>

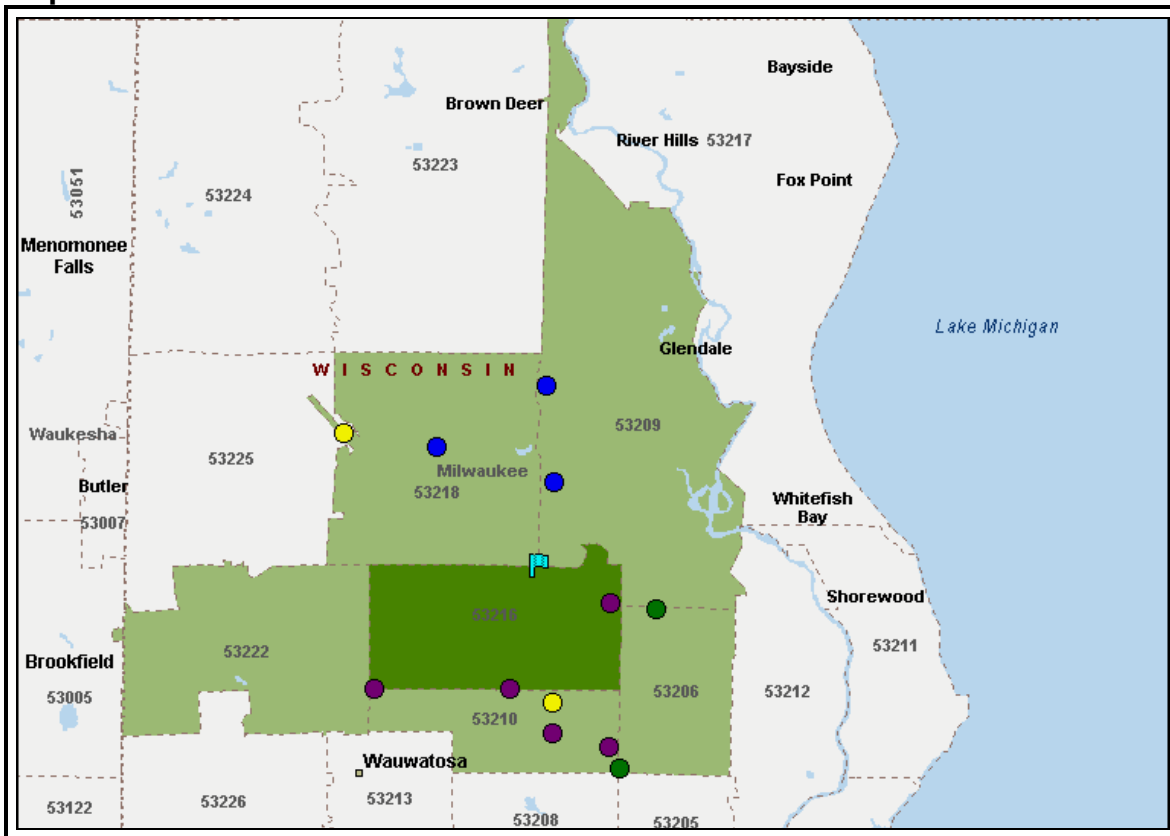
- The majority of the listed community service agencies (n=40 or 74%) are located outside of the 53216 ZIP Code area.
- A small number (n=14 or 26%) of the listed community service agencies are located within the 53216 ZIP Code or in ZIP Codes surrounding the Parklawn Public Housing Development.
- Only three of the listed community service agencies are located in the same ZIP Code (53216) as the Parklawn Public Housing Development.

Map 2 provides a close-up picture of the area surrounding the Parklawn Public Housing Development, and the types of services offered by the community service agencies within that area.

<sup>2</sup> A total of 55 community resource agencies are listed as providing services to men. However, one agency listed a P.O. Box as an address and therefore, this resource was not included in this map.

## Community Resource Agencies within or near-by Parklawn Public Housing Development

**Map 2**



Near-by ZIP Codes of Parklawn Public Housing include 53206, 53209, 53210 and 53218.



A total of 13 agencies are located within Parklawn’s ZIP Code or in the surrounding ZIP Codes. These 14 agencies offer four different types of community services to the Milwaukee community, including to men. Specifically,

- Five agencies near Parklawn provide parenting education and supportive services.
- Three agencies near Parklawn provide educational services.
- Three agencies near Parklawn provide employment assistance services<sup>3</sup>.
- Two agencies near Parklawn provide medical and health prevention services.

<sup>3</sup> Two employment programs are located within the same building address, making it difficult to see both locations highlighted on the map.

## Summary

The Milwaukee Fatherhood Initiative (MFI) and the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (HACM) are interested in exploring ways to incorporate MFI services on-site at the Parklawn Public Housing Development. This report mapped social service resources using Microsoft MapPoint to provide a description of the types of resources and their ZIP Code locations in the City of Milwaukee. This information is intended to assist HACM and the MFI in future program development and in efforts to provide MFI services specifically to residents living in Parklawn public housing.

For the purpose of this report, the evaluation team mapped the resources in the City of Milwaukee that provide services to men and are in proximity to the Parklawn Public Housing Development. The Parklawn Housing Development is located in a family-oriented, working class neighborhood in the 53216 ZIP Code. The 53216 ZIP Code has a high population of men and of single-family households that could potentially benefit from services offered by the MFI.

A total of 55 agencies were identified as providing resources to men and/or “father friendly” programs in the Milwaukee community. The 55 agencies that were identified offered several types of services, such as behavioral health and alcohol and drug treatment, domestic violence services, educational assistance, employment assistance, health and medical prevention services, legal and child support assistance, and parenting education and supportive services. A small number of these agencies offered more than one type of service resource for men.

The Parklawn Public Housing Development is located between North Sherman Boulevard, North 47<sup>th</sup> Street, West Hope and West Congress Avenue. The resource mapping indicated that only a small number of community service agencies serving men are located within and in surrounding ZIP Code areas. Specifically, only three community service agencies are located in the same ZIP Code area as the Parklawn Public Housing Development and 11 community service agencies are located in surrounding ZIP Codes of Parklawn. Overall, the majority of the resources mapped for this report are located outside of the 53216 ZIP Code area, which limits the quantity and type of resources available to men and fathers in the Parklawn neighborhood.

The mobilization of resources was identified by the MFI leadership as one of the most important trends necessary to increase service impact and access to fathers. Over the past three years, the MFI has partnered with multiple community-based and social services agencies across the City of Milwaukee to help create networking opportunities for fathers as well as to help dissolve some of the barriers men have in accessing social services. Currently, the MFI is working to create a systematic approach to supporting responsible fatherhood that involves the coordination of a collaborative services approach and directly involves fathers in efforts to improve their family relations and “lift up” conditions of the community. Based on information from this resource map report, it might be advantageous for the MFI and HACM to explore the expansion of current collaborations with community service agencies. A collaborative services approach may allow the MFI and HACM to more fully assess and address the social service needs of men and fathers living in the 53216 ZIP Code area.

**Appendix 1**  
**Community Resources for Men in the City of Milwaukee**

<b>Community Resources</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>ZIP Code</b>
<b>Behavioral Health and Alcohol and Drug Treatment</b>			
Asha Family Services	3821 W. North Avenue	Milwaukee	53208
Aurora Family Services	3200 W Highland Blvd.	Milwaukee	53208
Catholic Charities	2021 North 60th Street	Milwaukee	53208
Justice 2000, Inc.	821 West State Street	Milwaukee	53233
Impact Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Services	6737 W. Washington #2225	Milwaukee	53214
Mental Health America of WI - Family Resource Center	734 North 4th Street	Milwaukee	53203
Milwaukee Health Services	8200 West Silver Spring Drive	Milwaukee	53216
Milwaukee Women's Center	4906 W. Fond du Lac Avenue 4828 West Fond Du Lac	Milwaukee	53216
New Concepts Self Development Center, Inc.	Avenue	Milwaukee	53216
Wisconsin Community Services	3734 West Wisconsin Avenue	Milwaukee	53208
<b>Domestic Violence Services &amp; Education</b>			
Asha Family Services	3821 W. North Avenue	Milwaukee	53208
Milwaukee Women's Center & Community Advocates	4906 W. Fond du Lac Avenue	Milwaukee	53216
Sojourner Truth House - Batters' Anonymous Beyond Abuse	1300 South Layton Blvd. 2568 N. Martin Luther King	Milwaukee	53215
The Alma Center	Drive	Milwaukee	53212
<b>Education</b>			
Agape Community Center	6100 N 42nd Street 2618 N Martin Luther King	Milwaukee	53209
Adult Learning Center	Drive 2601 N Martin Luther King	Milwaukee	53212
Career Youth Development	Drive	Milwaukee	53212
Literacy Services of Wisconsin	2724 W Wells Street	Milwaukee	53208
Milwaukee Urban League	435 W North Avenue	Milwaukee	53212
Multicultural Community Services	5161 N Hopkins	Milwaukee	53209
SER Jobs for Progress	1020 W Mitchell Street	Milwaukee	53204
Silver Spring Neighborhood Center	5460 N 64th Street	Milwaukee	53218
Social Development Commission (SDC)	4041 N Richards Street	Milwaukee	53212

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<b>Employment Assistance</b>			
Heart Love Place	3229 N. Martin Luther King Dr.	Milwaukee	53212
Maximus - Job Center Northwest	6550 North 76th Street	Milwaukee	53223
Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board	2338 North 27th Street	Milwaukee	53210
Milwaukee Job Development, Inc.	3967 N. Teutonia Avenue	Milwaukee	53206
Milwaukee Urban League	435 W North Avenue	Milwaukee	53212
New Hope Project	2342 N 27th Street, Suite 125	Milwaukee	53210
Project Return	2821 N. 4th St., Suite 202	Milwaukee	53212
Social Development Commission	4041 N Richards Street	Milwaukee	53212
S.E.T. Ministry	2977 North 40th Street	Milwaukee	53210
UMOS - Job Center - Central	4030 N 29th Street	Milwaukee	53216
UMOS - Job Center - Southeast	2701 S Chase Avenue	Milwaukee	53207
YWCA - Northeast Comprehensive Job Center	1915 N. Martin Luther King Dr.	Milwaukee	53212
<b>Health and Medical Prevention</b>			
Agape Community Center	6100 N 42nd Street	Milwaukee	53209
Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin	3020 W. Vliet Street	Milwaukee	53208
Bread of Healing Clinic	1821 North 16th Street	Milwaukee	53205
Columbia St. Mary's - Free Clinic	1112 E. North Avenue	Milwaukee	53212
Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic	9339 W. Lincoln Avenue	Milwaukee	53227
Health Care for the Homeless	210 West Capital Drive	Milwaukee	53212
Hope House - Angel of Hope Clinic	209 West Orchard Street	Milwaukee	53204
House of Peace	1702 West Walnut Avenue	Milwaukee	53205
Milwaukee Health Services	8200 West Silver Spring Drive	Milwaukee	53216
Phillipine Center (Free Clinic)	535 N. 27th Street	Milwaukee	53208
Salvation Army	1730 North 7th Street	Milwaukee	53212
S.E.T. Ministry	2977 North 40th Street	Milwaukee	53210
Silver Spring Neighborhood Center - Medical Prevention	5460 N 64th Street	Milwaukee	53218
Sixteenth Street Community Health Center	1032 S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive	Milwaukee	53204

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<b>Legal - Driver's License Recovery and Child Support Issues</b>			
Children's Services Society	620 S. 76th Street	Milwaukee	53214
John P. Haynes Center	901 N. 9th Street	Milwaukee	53233
Justice 2000, Inc.	821 West State Street	Milwaukee	53233
Legal Action of Wisconsin	230 W. Wells Street	Milwaukee	53203
Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee	521 North 8th Street	Milwaukee	53233
<b>Parenting Education &amp; Supportive Services</b>			
Agape Community Center	6100 N 42nd Street	Milwaukee	53209
Aurora Family Services	3200 W Highland Blvd.	Milwaukee	53208
Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin	3020 W. Vliet Street	Milwaukee	53208
George Sanders Fathers Resource Center (New Concepts)	1531 W Vliet Street	Milwaukee	53205
Heart Love Place	3229 N. Martin Luther King Drive	Milwaukee	53212
Ignace Indian Health Center	1711 S 11th Street	Milwaukee	53204
La Causa – Family Resource Center	804 W. Greenfield Avenue	Milwaukee	53204
Milwaukee Urban League	435 W North Avenue	Milwaukee	53212
Next Door Foundation	2545 N 29th Street	Milwaukee	53210
Northcott Neighborhood House	2460 N 6th Street	Milwaukee	53216
Parents Plus	660 E Mason Street	Milwaukee	53202
Rosalie Manor	4803 W Burleigh Street	Milwaukee	53210
Ray's Consulting Group	P.O. Box 240391	Milwaukee	53223
Social Development Commission (SDC)	4041 N Richards Street	Milwaukee	53212
Silver Spring Neighborhood Center - Parenting	5460 N 64th Street	Milwaukee	53218
The Parenting Network	7516 W Burleigh Street	Milwaukee	53210
UMOS	4030 N. 9th Street	Milwaukee	53216
Vincent Family Resource Center	2610 N. Martin Luther King Dr.	Milwaukee	53212
Wheaton Franciscan Behavioral Health	3237 S. 16th Street	Milwaukee	53215
Word of Hope Ministries	2677 N. 40th Street	Milwaukee	53210