

# Family Centers, Inc.

Dane County, WI

[www.familycentersinc.org](http://www.familycentersinc.org)

A desire to prevent abuse and neglect of young children spurred the creation of Family Centers, Inc. in 1989. A cooperative venture of four nonprofit agencies, Family Centers is a community support system that strengthens families and treats and prevents family stress, child abuse, and neglect.

The agencies comprising Family Centers were housed in a facility in dire need of renovation due to structural and safety problems. The space was also too small for the services the agencies wanted to provide. Family Centers approached PCG lending partner Madison-based Forward Community Investments to help finance renovation and expansion of the facility.

A very small nonprofit loan fund, Forward in turn approached PCG to help meet Family Centers' needs. Working together, Forward and PCG provided the financing needed to empower Family Centers to serve more than 4,000 clients each year, 40% of whom are minorities, 85% are low-income, 75% are women and children, and 25% are disabled or have special needs.



*The renovated Family Center facility.*

*"As a father, being involved in this program helped me better understand my baby's needs by giving me information..." - A parent describing his experience with the Exchange Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, a Family Centers Inc. agency  
(Courtesy of the Family Centers website)*

**PCG Loan Amount:** \$125,000

**Partner:** Forward Community Investments,  
Madison, WI

**Total Loan Amount:** \$250,000