

One City Early Learning Champions GUIDE TO HOUSE PARTIES

Who is a Neighborhood Champion?

You are someone who **cares deeply about the children** of our community, understands the power of early education, and wants to change our community's racial inequities narrative.

You are someone who knows others in your neighborhood and in your community who feel as you do.

You are a connector and a networker.

You want to **help build a movement city-wide** in support of early childhood education, starting with support for One City Early Learning Centers, a preschool based in South Madison that is focused on **reducing Madison's persistent educational achievement gap** between children of different races and income levels.

What is the Call to Action?

Invite 5-10 (or more!) people you know who share your interest to a house party in your home. Invite them to join you in support of One City Early Learning, with a **one-time or continuing donation**.

What Might a House Party Look Like?

1. **Show the video** from the "Early Experiences Elevate Everything" event with Dr. Dipesh Navsario. Take some time as a group to discuss what was learned from the video.
2. Review the One City Early Learning brochures. Discuss how the group as a whole or how individuals might support One City—one time donation or continuing contributions? **Identify a specific financial support goal.**
3. Provide a **pledge form** for each individual and ask them to complete and return it to you (preferably during the meeting).
4. Ask **who else might be interested** in helping build support for One City Early Learning. Use the contact sheet to collect names. Ask your friends/neighbors to help with follow up.
5. Thank everyone for coming and let them know how to **stay connected** with the school via Social Media.



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Expanding the Champion Network

If you know someone who would like to become a Neighborhood Champion contact Jan O'Neill at jano1855@gmail.com or Melissa Scholz at scholznonprofitlaw@gmail.com

Video Discussion Questions

- How have our own children experienced their first 1000 days of life?
- What contributed to our own children's experience/opportunity for a healthy start to life?
- Does every child in Madison / Dane County deserve an opportunity for a healthy, happy, and engaged first 1000 days?
- What role can One City play in changing the narrative of racial inequities in Madison / Dane County?
- What is our responsibility as a neighborhood for ensuring all children have an equal opportunity for a healthy first 1000 days?

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