

# Dane County Exec. Parisi: Thanks Lynn Green: Director of Department of Human Services to retire after more than four decades of service

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Lynn Green, the Director of the Dane County Department of Human Services, will retire in the months ahead after 46 years of service, Dane County Executive Joe Parisi announced today.

“I want to express my thanks and appreciation to Lynn Green for her tireless service to Dane County and its residents,” said Parisi. “Over four decades, Lynn Green has touched countless lives through her work with the Department of Human Services, navigating the ever-changing human services landscape with a steady hand and a deep dedication to our most vulnerable. I wish her and her family the very best in her retirement.”

Green, who began her service with the Department as a social worker in 1972, is one of the longest serving employees in Dane County government. Green became the Administrator for the Division of Children, Youth, and Families Division in 2000, and has served in her current position as Director of the Department since 2002.

Throughout her career with Dane County, Green served under every Dane County Executive, from Former County Executive George Reinke to current County

Executive Joe Parisi.

During her tenure as Director, Green championed client-centered, community-based programs to address the current needs of an individual, their long-term stability and success, and the root causes of the challenges some Dane County residents face.

Director Green successfully oversaw the development and implementation of several initiatives that have improved the lives of children and families, including the Children Come First (CCF) initiative, Joining Forces for Families (JFF) and Early Childhood Initiative (ECI) programs, school-based mental-health initiative, and more.

Green managed 17 Department budgets during her career, overseeing a Department that accounts for more than half of the 2018 Dane County budget and has historically received the bulk of the County's annual budget investments.

In addition to the initiatives above, the Dane County Department of Human Services provides a number of federally and state mandated services, including child protective services, foster care, behavioral health, services for individuals with disabilities, the Badger Prairie Health Care Center, and economic assistance programs.

The Department also supports a number of services with County funds to provide support and stability to families and youth such as the Neighborhood Intervention Program, Restorative Justice program, immigration services, overnight and day shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, housing, and much more.

Dane County will be conducting a nationwide search to fill the position of Director of Human Services.