



# FIRST ANNUAL MEP Research Symposium

April 26, 2018, 4:00 – 7:30 pm  
Gordon Commons, Symphony Room  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Join the Madison Education Partnership for a presentation of MEP research and a conversation about potential next steps for 4K in MMSD

This symposium is open to the general public. Registration is free.

MMSD and UW system faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

## AGENDA

### 4:00 pm: Introduction

**Jennifer Cheatham**, MMSD Superintendent, **Robert Mathieu**, Director of the Wisconsin Center for Education Research and **Culleen Witthuhn**, MMSD Director of Early Learning

### 4:20–5:30 pm: What have we learned about MMSD 4K?

#### **Enhancing Equity through 4K**

Eric Grodsky, UW Madison Professor of Sociology & Educational Policy Studies

#### **Family Engagement in Madison's 4K Program: Implications for Children's School Readiness**

Alejandra Ros Pilarz, UW–Madison Assistant Professor of Social Work

#### **Understanding, Measuring & Assessing the Development of Interpersonal Skills in 4K**

Kristin Shutts & Charles Kalish, UW–Madison Associate Professor of Psychology and Professor of Educational Psychology (respectively)

#### **MMSD 4K: Pathways to Resilience for Children and Families Experiencing Homelessness**

Travis Wright, UW–Madison Assistant Professor of Counseling Psychology

### 5:45–6:45 pm: How do we continue to grow our 4K programs?

Discussion of evidence-based practices to ensure developmentally appropriate 4K practice, facilitated by MMSD Director of Early Learning, **Culleen Witthuhn**

### 6:45–7:30 pm: Refreshments and Closing

Participant meet and greet, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar  
Session closing with the Directors of the Madison Education Partnership

**Pre-register by April 12, 2018 at**  
**[mep-research-symposium.eventbrite.com](http://mep-research-symposium.eventbrite.com)**

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