Promoting Health as a Human Right

A new UW-Madison course focuses on public health, human rights and vulnerable children.

► Description: Development of Human Rights Initiative was designed to promote UW-Madison health and human rights projects targeted to the needs of vulnerable children.

► Results: This initiative led to the development of a new UW course that focuses on public health, human rights and vulnerable children. To date, some 60 students have participated in the class — Children in Vulnerable Situations: A multidisciplinary, human rights approach — and plans are under way to make it a permanent offering. Service projects supported through this initiative included students working with at-risk youth in Costa Rica, and studying educational programs in Tanzania and issues related to child labor in India. The initiative also sponsored a lecture series featuring global leaders working on behalf of vulnerable children.


► Next Steps: UW-Madison faculty and students participating in the FACES (Families and Children Everywhere Deserve Support) program, created through this initiative, continue to exchange ideas, support student efforts and pursue research and service on behalf of vulnerable children.

DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE

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