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## **Best Practices in UWEX Service-Learning**

### **Community Garden Partnership Family Living and Agriculture Programs**

The Community Garden Partnership of Outagamie and Winnebago counties seeks “To Grow Food, People and Communities”. The partnership develops civic green space and resources that help to engage individuals and families in gardening and food sustainability practices and provide opportunities for food and nutrition educational programs in an atmosphere of sharing and learning.

The Community Garden Partnership’s focus on collaboration is an important aspect of its vision of community building and small farm/business development.

Multiple community garden sites are run throughout the Fox Valley area. Each site is tailored to its community and some include raised beds for gardeners with special needs as well as a site that features gardening pots for children (ages 3-5 years). The sites include tool sheds for gardeners to use and gazebos for community gatherings. The UW-Fox community garden will include a teaching garden where local Master Gardeners will lead classes in horticultural topics (in development in 2006). A teaching garden at the GVCasaloma site will have a focus on agricultural topics.

Many individuals, non-profits and businesses have worked with UW-Extension faculty and the Master Gardeners to make the Community Garden Partnership a success. These include Goodwill Industries of NCW, the Salvation Army, WE energies, the Appleton Public School District, and many community gardeners.

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