

Southern Illinois Guide to Home Visiting and Other Parenting Supports for Families of Young Children



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Home Visiting Programs give expectant families and families of young children, particularly those with limited resources, support and the necessary resources and skills to raise children who are physically, socially, and emotionally healthy and ready to learn.

Goals for every program, regardless of model or funding sources, are to:

- Improve maternal and child health
- Prevent child abuse and neglect
- Encourage positive parenting
- Promote child development and school readiness

This guide has been developed in the spirit of collaboration and support for young families in our region, It's important to note that home visiting services are typically voluntary and work best when they are. Not every family will want home visiting services and not every program is the "best fit" for every family. Typically, duplication of services (enrollment in multiple home visiting programs) is to be avoided in the interest of good financial stewardship and making home visiting spaces available to as many families as possible., although there are rare instances where families may need more than one program's support.

If information needs to be updated, please contact Shannon Green at sgreen@shsdc.org.

-Programs marked with * indicates program details based on web research only.-

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County	Program	Contact	Services	Target Population	Comments/Service Area Restrictions
Alexander	Alexander County Parents as Teachers	Erica Brazier ebrazier@cairoschooldistrict1.com 618-734-4102, est. 406	Home Visiting, Parent-Child Groups, Developmental Screenings, Resource Connections, Emergency Basic Child/ Family Supplies	High Risk Families of Children Prenatal to Age 3 Years	Alexander County, Parents as Teachers Model
Alexander	Southern Seven Early Head Start	Sharity Gaddis sgaddis@s7hd.org Jennifer Parks jparks@s7hd.org 618-634-2297	Home Visiting and Center-Based	Parents and Their Children Birth to 3 Years	
Clinton	Community Link First Step Early Head Start	Shelise Zurliene, Director SheliseZ@commlink.org 618-526-3967	Home Visiting and Play Groups	Expectant Families, Children Birth to 3 Years	Playgrounds, Parent Trainings, Parents as Teachers, Early Head Start Model, Bilingual Services
Clinton	Community Link First Step Prevention Program	Shelise Zurliene, Director SheliseZ@commlink.org 618-526-3967	Home Visiting and Play Groups	Children Ages 2-4 Years with Developmental Concerns but Not Served by EI or Early Head Start; Also Serving Children Who have Aged Out of EI but are Not Yet Local ECE Prog.	Playgrounds, Parent Trainings, Parents as Teachers, Child Find Screenings, Screenings for Children Birth to 3
Clinton	Community Link First Step Infant Mental Health Program	Shelise Zurliene, Director SheliseZ@commlink.org 618-526-3967	Home Visiting	Expectant Families and Families with Children Birth to 3 Years	

Edwards	Wabash Area Development Inc. Early Head Start and Head Start	Cathy Ferrell cferrell@wadi-inc.com 618-252-2680	Home Visiting and Center-Based	Home Visits During Pregnancy and for Children Up to 5 Years; Center- Based 3-5 Years	Early Head Start and Head Start
Franklin	Healthy Families Illinois-Shawnee Health	Rebecca Konecek rkonecek@shsdc.org 618-967-5237 Shannon Green sgreen@shsdc.org 618-519-9466	Home Visiting and Monthly Groups; Services Include Developmental Screening and Linkage to Community Resources. Doula Services Available as Part of Overall Program.	WIC Eligible Parents, Preferably in Pregnancy. 1st Time Parents Prioritized.	Serves Families Prenatally or Birth to Age 5; Must Enroll Before Baby is 3 Months Old; Healthy Families America Model; All of Franklin Co.
Franklin	Centerstone Early Head Start	Stacey Horaz Stacey.Horaz@centerstone.org 618-997-5336 ext. 7741	Home Based Program that Offers Comprehensive Health and Educational Services to Families	Prenatal Mothers and Children 0-3 Years	Service Area Covers Franklin and Williamson counties. Home Visiting and Opportunities to Participate in Playgrounds and Other Program Events throughout the Year
Franklin	Southern Region Early Childhood Programs	Heather Franklin heather.franklin@siu.edu 618-453-4271	Home Visiting	Parents of Children Birth to 3 Years Old	Parents as Techers Model
Franklin	Rebound	Sandy Snowden sandy.snowden@cchs165.com Stephanie Brown Stephanie.Brown@cchs165.com 618-549-8232	Home Visiting, Groups, Developmental Screenings, Community Resources	Prenatal, 0-3 Years Old	Parents as Techers Model

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Hardin	Southern Seven Early Head Start	Sharity Gaddis sgaddis@s7hd.org Jennifer Parks jparks@s7hd.org 618-634-2297	Home Visiting and Center-Based	Parents and Their Children Birth to 3 Years	
Jackson	Pregnancy Matters	Cassie Walden, Director info@pregnancymatters.org Cassie Walden, Director info@pregnancymatters.org Marion: 618-997-2790 Carbondale: 618-549-2794	Free and Confidential Pregnancy Tests, Limited Ultrasound, Assistance with Baby and Maternity Items including Clothing Up to 2T. Pregnancy and Parenting Education and Support.	Pregnant or with Children Up to Age 3. Must be Parent or Legal Guardian.	Serves Any County. Carbondale Office: 241 S. Lewis Ln. M/W/F 10-2pm Marion Office: 808 W. Prairie M 5-7pm T-F 9am-3pm
Jackson	Unity Point Family Circle	Michelle Pritchard mpritchard@up140.org Kim Davidson kdavidson@up140.org Jennifer Sykes jsykes@up140.org Suehay Woods swoods@up140.org 618-529-4151	Home Visiting and Groups	Prenatal and 0-3 Years Old	Parents as Teachers Model Serving Families in Unity Point Elementary School District Service Area

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Jackson	TIKES	Michelle Dagner archwaymdagner@gmail.com 618-529-5944	Home Visiting and Groups	Parents and Their Children Birth to 3 Years	Baby Talk Model
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Jackson	CES 95 Baby Talk	Sheila James, Director sjames@ces95.org Stacey Rix srix@ces95.org Sarah Harriss sharriss@ces95.org Jennifer Smith jsmith@ces95.org 618-889-8336	Home Visiting and Groups	Parents and Their Children Birth to 3 Years and Expectant Mothers	Baby Talk Model, Serving Carbondale Elementary School District Service Area
Jefferson	Nest Beginnings Nurse Family Partnership	Joyce Butts joyce.butts@sperofs.org 618-242-5600 ext. 234	Home Visiting and Doula Services	Prenatal Unit! Baby is 2 Years Old	Must Enroll by 28 weeks pregnant; Mt. Vernon; Home Visitors are Nurses

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Saline	Wabash Area Development Inc. Early Head Start and Head Start	Cathy Ferrell cferrell@wadi-inc.com 618-252-2680	Home Visiting and Center-Based	Home Visits for Pregnant Women and Children Up to Age Five; Center-Based for 3-5	Early Head Start Model and Head Start Program
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Early Intervention Services:

For referrals of children birth-3 w/ suspected developmental delays/disabilities

Child and Family Connections 21: Terri Kampwerth, CFC Manager 618-622-6581
serving Madison, Monroe, Randolph, & St. Clair counties

Child and Family Connections 22: Nicole Van Hise, CFC Manager 618-532-4919
serving Franklin, Williamson, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion, & Washington counties

Child and Family Connections 23: Charity Heifner, CFC Manager 618-378-2441
serving Edwards, Gallatin, Hamilton, Saline, Wabash, White & Wayne counties

Child and Family Connections 24: Lindsey Baskin, CFC Manager 618- 529-3147; serving Alexander, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski and Union counties