
Early Childhood Family Support Program ...

- ◆ Offers a coordinated model for service delivery.
- ◆ Provides services within a community-based framework.
- ◆ Utilizes the latest brain research in its education component.
- ◆ Assists parents so they can give their children the best possible start in life.

Research Shows

That children participating in programs like this one:

- ◆ Are more advanced than other three years olds in language development, social development, problem solving and other intellectual skills.
- ◆ Maintained developmental gains throughout the first years of school.
- ◆ Have an early resolution to developmental delays, resulting in less need for significant interventions in later years.

Parents participating in programs of this kind:

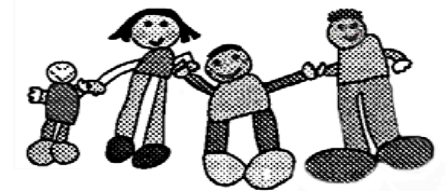
- ◆ Are more confident in their parenting knowledge and skills.
- ◆ Are more apt to read to their children.
- ◆ Have lower incidences of child abuse and neglect in their family.
- ◆ Are more involved in their children's schooling.



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**EARLY CHILDHOOD
INTERAGENCY COUNCIL**
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**The
Early Childhood
Interagency
Council**



Working in the communities of
Cudahy Oak Creek South Milwaukee
St. Francis

Early Childhood Interagency Council

Established in 1995, the **Council's Mission** is:
To support families with young children (birth to 8 yrs) and strengthen the community through alliance and collaboration with parents and organizations.

Some Member Organizations are:

- Curative/Birth to Three - Human Concerns
- Local Physicians - Local Health Departments
- Local Child Care Providers - Local School Districts
- Public Libraries - St Luke's South Shore
- Office of Senator Richard Grobschmidt

Our Activities include:

- ◆ A directory of community resources
- ◆ Monthly networking meetings for members
- ◆ Distribution of parenting information
- ◆ Workshops for child care providers and parents
- ◆ Act as Child Find network

New Initiative



The Council has initiated a free family-visiting program, to support parents of children (Birth to 3) called the Early Childhood Family Support Program, using the nationally recognized *Parents As Teachers* curriculum.

To Learn More

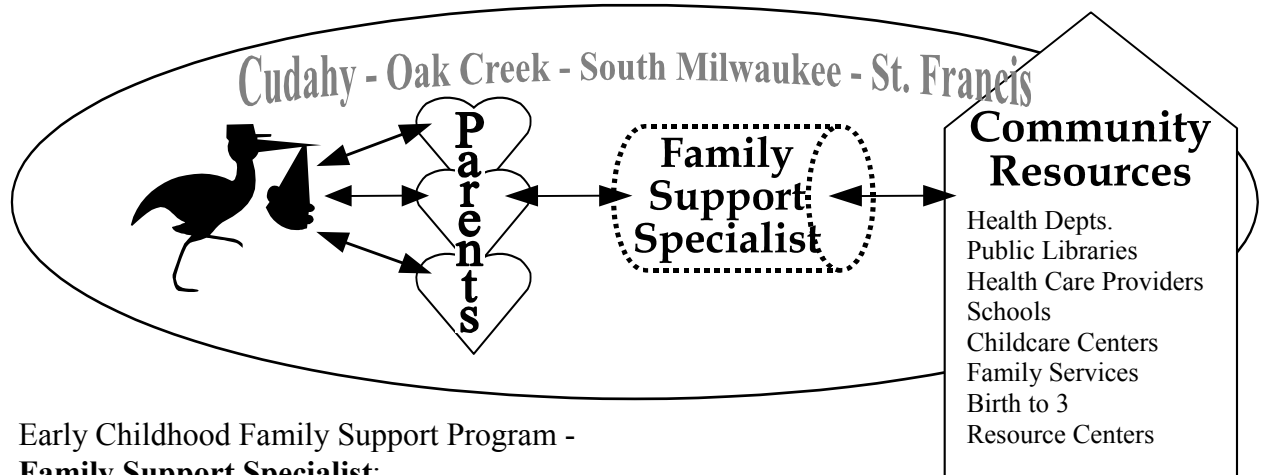
About the Council activities, membership, new initiative, or volunteer opportunities please contact:

- Pupil Services Department 768-6314
- Early Childhood Support Project 768-7236
- Family Life Center 483-2685

www.ecicouncil.org

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Connecting Families to their Community



Early Childhood Family Support Program - Family Support Specialist:

- ◆ Do a family needs assessment.
- ◆ Do developmental screenings of children.
- ◆ Provide information on child development and how to use this information effectively.
- ◆ Organize play groups and parent discussion groups.
- ◆ Serve as a conduit to community resources.

Services are provided free to all participating families.

REFER FAMILIES - to the Early Childhood Family Support Program
Contact the FAMILY LIFE CENTER at Saint Stephens
5880 South Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207
Phone 414-483-2685 ext. 226 Fax 414-483-3160
Email flc@saintstephenmil.org

We Need Your Help

The Council is looking to members and community organizations to help support the Early Childhood Family Support Program. The Program works within a community based framework. It utilizes a personal-visiting component, working within the setting where children and parents are most comfortable.

It partners existing organizations within close

proximity to children and their families, and allows for smooth transitions between many service providers. It drives the community to see the importance of healthy early development, reduces the stigma of seeking assistance, and empowers parents to insure that their children receive everything needed for a healthy successful start in life.