

Why participate in ECI?

- Parents are their children's first and most important teachers and role models.
- The relationship between parents and children during the first years of life impacts their growth and development, self-esteem, school performance and life achievements.
- Parenting is hard work. Support & encouragement from others can help.

"It's wonderful having another person who cares about my baby and how she's growing and developing." --ECI parent

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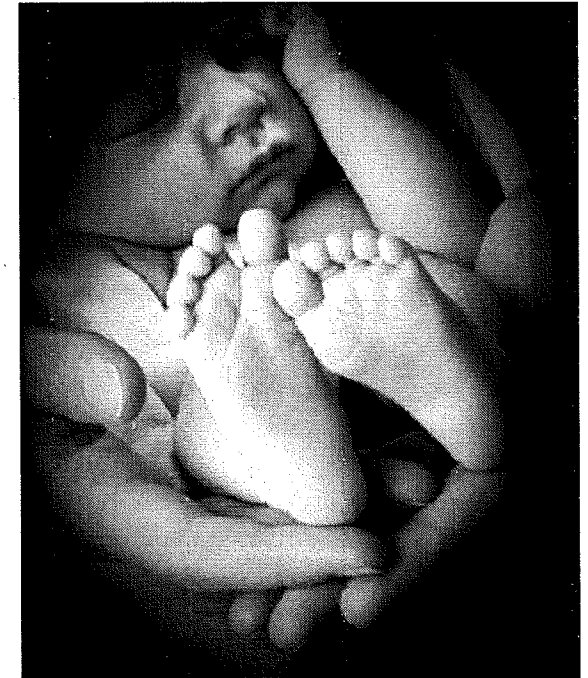
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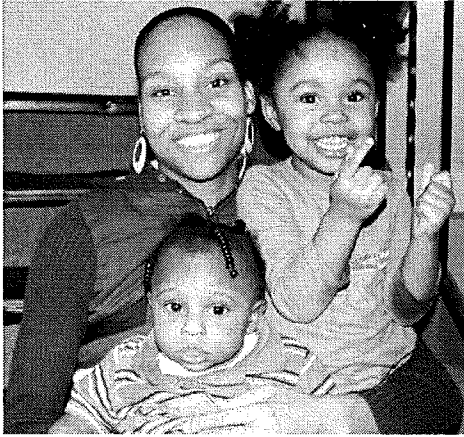
Early Childhood Initiative

Supporting children & families in Madison's Allied Drive, Leopold and Southwest Areas and the Cities of Sun Prairie and Marshall



"Dane County is committed to helping families and their young children to be healthy, strong and self-sufficient."

Former County Executive Kathleen Falk



Who can participate?

- Families who are expecting a new baby or have a baby under age 1.
- Families must also live in one of our service areas. (listed below).

Once in the program, families can participate until their child turns three years old.

Our Service Areas

- **Sun Prairie and Marshall** school districts.
- **Allied Drive** area including Rosenberry, Thurston, Crescent, Alhambra and more.
- **Leopold** area including Post Rd, Coho St, Leopold Rd, Greenway Cross and more.
- **Southwest Madison** including Wexford Ridge apartments, Russett Rd, Hammersley, Balsam, Elver Park, Schroeder, Raymond Rd and more.

What does ECI do?

Families meet weekly with a *Family Support Specialist* (FSS) in their home or another convenient place to focus on:

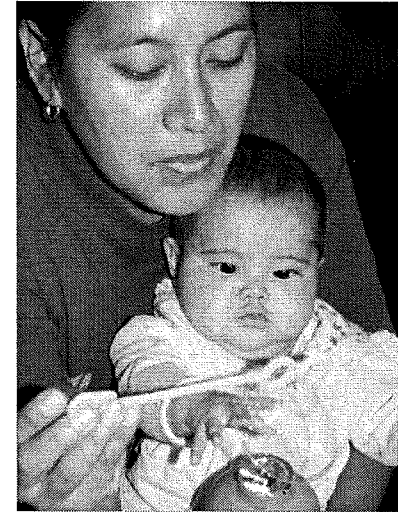
- **Finding a job or getting more education.**
- **Having a healthy pregnancy.**
- **Learning about their child's health and development.**
- **Connecting to housing, food, child care and other resources.**
- **Getting along with important people in their lives.**
- **Getting to know other parents with young children.**

"ECI really helps people. Without them I wouldn't be where I am today."--ECI parent

Other opportunities

ECI offers additional services such as:

- **Benefits assistance.** An *Economic Support Specialist* from the Dane County Job Center is located at each ECI site to help families with FoodShare, Child Care Assistance, BadgerCare Plus and other benefits.
- **Family fun.** Regular family gatherings, such as family meals, picnics and educational events.



"ECI helped me find out more about what services are out there to help me and my family. I like getting new ideas about what to do with my baby and knowing that I can talk to someone about my family and how we're doing."--ECI parent