

Center for Family Success
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The Center for Family Success (formerly the Young Parent Support Center) is a comprehensive family support and development center that strives to strengthen families, promote the healthy development of children and guide families toward self-sufficiency and economic independence. It is a two-generation program that encourages a strong parent-child bond. All services offered are free.

Population Served

All participants of the Center for Family Success program must be:

- An expectant mother, or
- Parents of children ages two months up to four years old (parent must have at least 50 percent custody of child)

Services Available

The following services are offered by the Center for Family Success:

- **Childcare**, provided by trained childcare staff, is designed to help children: engage in age-appropriate activities; develop socialization skills; and improve their literacy and speaking skills in order to be ready for pre-kindergarten
- **English as a second language (ESL)** classes
- **Adult Basic Education (ABE)** to help parents prepare for the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) tests
- **Nurturing Parenting Program**, a six-week program offered two times per week, four sessions per year, designated to teach parents effective parenting strategies to best nurture their child (meets court-ordered requirements for parents with children up to the age of four)
- **In-Home Interventionist** which provides home visits to pregnant and parenting parents with children up to the age of four who cannot come to the Center. The program provides services to enhance the parent and child relationship and engage children in developmentally appropriate activities. Mental health services as well as health care education are also offered.
- **Service coordination and referral services** to help parents respond to personal and family challenges and to set appropriate goals for Center participation
- **Daytime transportation to and from the Center** for residents in the southeast area of Baltimore County (within certain limits)
- **Life skills** and **health** education classes
- **Diaper bank** – anyone is free to come by and pick up diapers, wipes, creams, sanitary pads and other essential supplies.
- Opportunities to participate in recreational outings, field trips and leadership development skills

Hours of Operation & Schedule

The Center for Family Success is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The program schedule is below:

ESL+job readiness classes*: Tuesday and Thursday mornings

ABE+job readiness classes*: Monday and Wednesday afternoons

Parenting+child development, life skills and health classes: Mondays through Thursdays in the afternoons.

Outings and field trips: Fridays

*schedule subject to change based on participant needs

All participants are expected to attend from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., two days per week.

FAQs

I don't have a computer or tablet. What technology is provided?

A number of laptops are provided for families during virtual learning.

Are the Center's services free?

Yes, all of the Center's services are free. There are no costs to families.

I don't have transportation. How can I get to the Center?

We provide free transportation from your home to our Center within the southeast area of Baltimore county (within certain limits and observing COVID-19 guidelines).

How often do families have to come to the Center?

Participants are expected to come 2 days per week, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. If families attend fewer than 5 days per month, they will be ineligible to participate in the program.

A family can attend the Center and access services as long as they wish, whether it's for a few months or a few years. As long as one of the children is under four years old, a family can attend.

I have a child over the age of four and also a child under the age of four. Can I still attend?

Yes. As long as at least one of your children is under four years old, or you are pregnant, you can attend.

What information or documents do parents and children need in order to attend the center and access services?

Families are not required to provide any personal information or documents (no ID, no SS# required). All services are free.

Can families access single services, such as service coordination, referral services or in-home intervention?

No. The Center's services are for families who can commit to attending the Center 2 days per week.

I look after or care for children who are not mine. Can I attend the center with them?

Parents need to have 50% custody of the child and must be at least 18 years old.

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