For expectant moms and families of children birth to 5 years old

One-on-One Visits

Developmental Screening

Parent-Child Learning Activities

Health and Wellness Support

Connections to Additional Resources

igrow offers evidence based, intensive services that:
1. Promote parent-child attachment;
2. Provide developmental screening, monitoring, and referrals; and
3. Provide linkages to community resources and services.

what we do

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who we are

Early Start, Bright Future

igrow is the Illinois symbol for quality evidence-based home visiting services to expectant parents and families with new babies and young children.

how it works

igrow home visiting provides family support and coaching to young parents who may be inexperienced and often do not have family support. Trained professionals are matched with families based on each family’s needs.

It’s voluntary. Families volunteer to participate in home visiting. Therefore, it shows their commitment to becoming the best parents they can be.

home visitors:

• Help parents watch for developmental milestones
• Help parents communicate effectively with their doctor
• Facilitate activities that increase parent-child attachment
• Help parents understand and respond to their child’s needs
• Help families connect with community services

why it’s important

Babies do not come with instruction manuals.
The prenatal period and the first years of life are a critical time for brain development that lays the foundation for future success.

It’s cost effective.
Every dollar spent in home visiting saves $1.80-$2.73 because of fewer ER visits, lower health care costs, and less medical and educational assistance.

It works.
Families who participate in home visiting are more likely to read aloud, tell stories, say nursery rhymes and sing with their children, building listening, memory, and vocabulary skills.

The use of evidence-based home visiting models means that research has demonstrated positive effects on parenting.

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home visiting:

• Promotes family self-sufficiency
• Has a positive effect on parenting
• Connects families with a medical provider
• Reduces child maltreatment
• Increases kindergarten readiness