

### Program Overview

Parent Connection is a parent education and support program designed to Encourage, Strengthen and Support Families. The program offers a variety of services, each designed to ease the transition into parenthood and make parenting less stressful and more enjoyable. Programs and services include a home visitation program for first-time parents, family wellness workshops, a teen parent mentoring program, parent/child enrichment groups, and family fun events.

### Who We Serve

Parent Connection offers home visitation services to any first-time parent living in Outagamie, Winnebago, or parts of Calumet County. All other services are available to anyone residing in the Fox Cities area. **2007: 3,618 home visits to 564 families; 1,204 workshop/event participants**

### A Story of Success

Brianna began working with a Parent Educator from the Parent Connection program when she was expecting her first child. She started her prenatal care early and went to all of her doctor visits with the excitement and anticipation of delivering a healthy baby. When the big day finally came, it was far from what Brianna and her husband had hoped for.

Aside from being oxygen-deprived at birth, numerous tests revealed that their newborn son, Matthew, had a range of medical problems including a shallow breathing system, physical birth defects, and a weak immune system. After spending weeks in intensive care, Matthew was finally discharged. Though his parents were thrilled to have him home, their days were now filled with around-the-clock care and numerous visits to doctors and specialists all over the state. As Matthew grew, there were many set-backs that would often send him back to the emergency room.

Through these hard times, their Parent Educator continued to offer support and resources tailored to fit the needs of the family. She provided Brianna with learning activities that best met Matthew's developmental needs.

Since their son's health also brought on many financial hardships, their Parent Educator assisted them in locating programs that would offer help with budgeting and other financial resources. After a year and a half, Brianna reports that they are finally feeling like life can be a little bit "normal." Looking back, Brianna says, "Matthew's first year was a blur, but I remember our Parent Educator always being there to answer my questions, finding services that could help us out of a jam, and supporting us when no one else did. I can not imagine how we would have managed without the Parent Connection program."

*Parent Connection offices are located at 1810 Appleton Road, Menasha, and 400 Ceape Avenue, Oshkosh.*

*The above story is an example of the type of children, individuals and families we serve. Names, ages, and other personal information have been changed to protect the client's confidentiality.*

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