

Clay County Health Department and Flora School District to collaborate in offering County wide 0-3 Home visiting program

The Clay County Health Department recently announced the strategic combination of the Health Department PLAY 0-3 Home visiting program and Flora School District's Parents as Teachers 0-3 program to form one program serving all of Clay County. These programs have collaborated for many years and operate using the same funding streams and Parents as Teachers program model. This change will continue to create opportunities for home visiting collaboration, improve accessibility to resources, and will not result in a reduction of services in the county.

The newly combined program will use the Parents as Teachers Curriculum to promote early education in homes in Clay County for free, supporting parents as the child's first teacher. This program is need based, low-income is considered but not a requirement. We believe any person who is pregnant or has a child under 3 who wants a program to support their parenting journey should receive it. The county wide program will continue to serve those already in-home visiting and be looking for new families to support as the program grows. As of July 1, 2026, the program will serve a combined 62 families, 80 children and 8 prenatal mothers annually in Clay County, Illinois.

Provides the following services:

- Home Visiting- bi-weekly
- Developmental Screens: ASQ-3 and ASQ- SE- every 6 months or as requested
- Health, Hearing, and Vision Screening- health-annual/ other screens-every 6 months
 - *Program has access to a OAE Hearing machine and PlusOptix Vision Machine*
- Group Connections- parent meetings on various topics: discipline, stress, potty training, nutrition, cleaning, domestic violence, prenatal topics, etc.
- Resource Referrals- provides many resources for families within their communities.
- Goal Setting- Families & their parent educator set a family goal and a child development goal annually. However, it is encouraged to set one goal after another.
- Literacy- Each child receives a free book each visit.
- Family Enrichment Events-seasonal or holiday events for the entire family

Questions or Interested in enrolling in home visiting services?

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