

Community Partner Quarterly Newsletter

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2023 YEAR END HIGHLIGHTS



We processed 784 referrals in 2023. See pg 4 for more referral data.



Caseloads grew 25% from 2022 to 2023, serving 74 more families when comparing Dec 2022 to Dec 2023.



99% of families that participated in our annual Family Feedback Survey noted improvement in one or more area of life since beginning the program. See pg 3 for more survey highlights.

LOCAL EVENTS

Caregiver Course to Prevent Child Trafficking

- Monday, March 4, 6pm-8pm
- Foley Intermediate School Media Center
- FREE, but please pre-register here
- Learn how child trafficking occurs, what makes youth vulnerable, identify those most at risk, and how to prevent trafficking and sexual exploitation.

St. Cloud First Steps Baby Expo

- Saturday, March 9, 9am-2pm
- St. Cloud River's Edge Convention
 Center
- Tickets \$10 for adults, kids under 12 FREE
- www.firststepsbabyexpo.com/
- Stop by and say hi at our booth!



We are a team of Registered Nurses who offer support and information to families during pregnancy through the early years of their child's life. Visits with a nurse are voluntary and free.

We provide support to caregivers, connecting them to resources, provide education on topics such as pregnancy, childbirth, parenting, infant feeding, bonding, and their child's growth and development.

HOW TO REFER



Our electronic referral form is the preferred method.

Find it at:

https://firststepscentralmn. org/make-a-referral

A nurse will call/text the family within 1-3 business days to answer any questions they may have, share resources, and schedule a first visit, if families are still interested.

LET'S CONNECT

- Presentation at a Team Meeting
- Resource Station at a Staff Training Day
- New Staff Orientation
- Lunch-N-Learn
- Outreach at a Community Event



Contact us to schedule outreach to stay up-to-date about programming and resources. We recommend annual outreach to staff.

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COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

Sherburne County is expanding their Public Health team. They will be adding a full time WIC Supervisor to support the growing program. They will also be adding a Community Health Worker position, thanks to receiving an MDH Promising Practice grant which provides an innovative approach to supporting families.





Wright County is piloting a new program, called Supporting Steps:

- Offers free home visiting support to pregnant and postpartum people, caregivers, and families who have concerns about substance use, currently use substances, or have a history of substance use.
- A nurse and licensed alcohol drug counselor (LADC) provide ongoing support and intervention to promote reduced substance use and improved health outcomes for the participating families.
- Participation is voluntary
- In-person or virtual visits are client led and may include content such as:
 - health
 - child growth and development
 - parenting skills
 - tools to reduce use and avoid recurrence
 - connections to local supports and resources
 - support in obtaining client goals
- The LADC meets with participant at least monthly while the nurse may meet more frequently.
- Refer by completing a <u>First Steps Referral Form.</u>

Stearns County will be expanding their capacity to provide group and individual Circle of Security sessions for local families.

Benton County will be expanding their Public Health team. They will be hiring a full time Public Health Supervisor.





FAMILY FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS

In Fall 2023, our teams conducted a Family Feedback Survey. All of the families currently enrolled in our FHV program were asked to complete a brief survey about their experiences in the program and working with their Nurse. 86 families responded. Additional data is shared on pg 3.



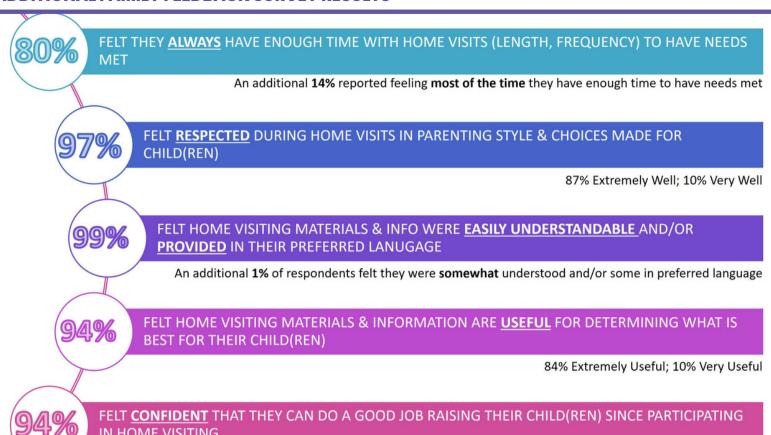
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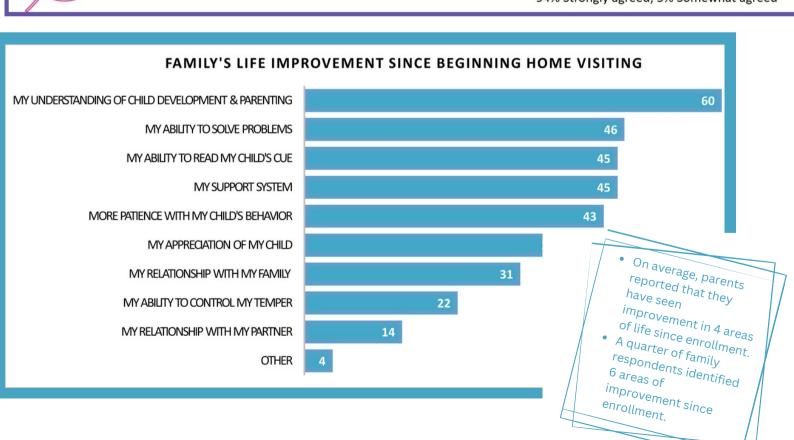


ADDITIONAL FAMILY FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS



IN HOME VISITING

94% Strongly agreed; 5% Somewhat agreed



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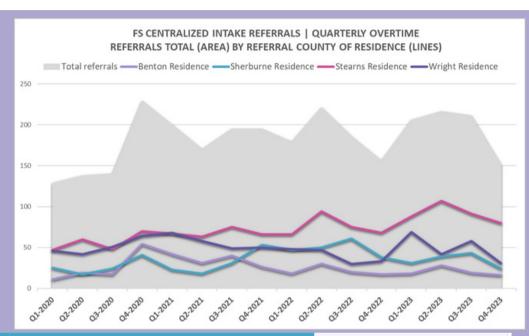
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Thank you for taking the time to connect families you serve to our program. We look forward to receiving referrals from you and working together to improve outcomes for central MN families!



FS CENTRALIZED INTAKE REFERRAL SOURCES

2023 Community Partner Referrals

CC SCH NICU

CC SCH FBC

WCCA WIC Wright Co HHS

Sherburne Co WIC

Stearns Co HHS CC Family Health Clinic

Stearns Co WIC

Self-Referral FS Postcard

Transfer from Other County

Sherburne Co HHS

Self-Referral FS Website

Ridgeview Medical Center

CC Plaza Clinic WH/OB

CC Plaza Clinic Pediatrics

CC Melrose Clinic

Hutchinson Health Hospital

Allina Buffalo Hospital

Self-Referral Other

Professional Referral

Anna Marie's Alliance

CC Patient Community Connect

CC Monticello Hospital

North Memorial Health Hospital

HH/HCMC Family Birthing Center

Benton Co HS

Stellis Health Monticello Clinic

Self-Referral FS Phone

HH/HCMC Women's H&W Clinic

HealthPartners Pregnancy Program

Rivers of Hope

Options for Women | Cornerstone

Maple Grove Hospital

HH Nurse Midwife Service

FS Referral Sources

63 in 2023 (103 Total)

50% of referrals come from top 5 sources highlighted

Additional 29 Community Partners sent 1-2 referral in 2023:

- Allina Health Specialty OB
- Annandale Middle School
- Anoka Hennepin Tech High Schl
- Blue Plus PMAP List
- Catholic Charities HOPE CC Behavioral Health
- CC Melrose Hospital
- CC SCH Pediatric
- CC Southway Clinic
- Childrens Hospital NICU
- Childrens Hospital MPLS
- Crystal Women's Clinic
- Elk River School (728) ECFE Glencoe Regional Hospital
- **HP Riverway Clinics**
- HH/HCMC OBGYN Brooklyn Park
- **Lutheran Social Services**
- MAWSECO
- MH Fairview Masonic Childrens
- MH Fairview Northland Hospital
- Milaca School District
- North Memorial Health Clinic
- Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital
- Regions Hospital Birth Center
- Robbinsdale Women's Center
- Sherb & N Wright Special Ed
- St. Cloud School Dist 742 ECFE
- Tri-Valley Opportunity Council