

### Program Overview

Parent Connection is a parent education and support program that strives to encourage, strengthen and support families. Each service is focused on providing family education and promoting positive parenting techniques with an ultimate goal to prevent child abuse and neglect and promote school readiness.

### Who We Serve

All families residing in Outagamie, Winnebago, and parts of Calumet County are eligible for services regardless of income and/or risk level. Families are referred by a variety of community partners; families can also self refer. **2009: 3,712 home visits to 425 families; 2,423 workshop/event participants**

### A Story of Success

#### **How Parent Connection has Changed My Life** *(By a teenage mother)*

“From my point of view, Parent Connection is a life saver for teen parents. I am involved with Parent Connection in many ways. When my daughter was just born, I took part in the Healthy Relationships class. I meet with Melissa, my home visitor, weekly and I am [hoping] to be in the teen mentoring program. I also attend the Just For You groups monthly. The people that keep these options available for young parents are miracle workers, each in their own way. This has been a life changing experience for me and the other teen parents, too. I can speak on behalf of everyone in this group because even though our stories are all unique, we can all more than relate to each other.

I am a single parent, I go to school and I also work part-time. Some days it is overwhelming. My meetings with Melissa help me to better understand my daughter’s behaviors and teach me how to be a better mother. I have learned a lot... I will admit it. Unlike some of the girls in the program, I do not have my parents in my life to give me the guidance I need, so I look up to Melissa and all the Parent Connection people that are helping me.

Melissa is there to encourage and support me. My daughter loves meeting with her almost as much as I do... Someone who is not in my shoes would not understand the impact Parent Connection has had. I appreciate the fact that I have been able to experience many wonderful things from this outstanding program.”

*Parent Connection offices are located at 36 Broad Street in Oshkosh and 1810 Appleton Road in Menasha.*

*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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