

Care For Children Resources

If you are struggling to find care for your children, you may qualify for help. Consider these resources:

- The **State of Michigan's Early Childhood Investment Corp.** provides support to families through its **Great Start Program**. Low-income families can qualify for scholarships that help them pay for childcare. For details, go to www.greatstartconnect.org or call (877) 614-7328.
- **Starfish Family Services** serves more than 10,000 at-risk children and families each year. From Head Start to teen programs, and everything in between, it also partners with other agencies to help families with a wide variety of problems. For details, go to www.starfishonline.org/aboutus.html or call (734) 728-3400. It also has a **24-hour crisis line** at (866) 672-4357.
- **Focus: HOPE**, a Detroit-based nonprofit, offers a wide array of services that starts with prenatal education and support for pregnant women, and continues to include Head Start programs and its Hope Village, working with the two schools in its neighborhood, Glazer Elementary School and Joy Preparatory Academy, and continuing with teen and adult education and support programs. To learn more, to www.focushope.edu or call (313) 494-5500.
- **ACCESS**, a Dearborn-based agency, focuses especially on helping Arab-American families with everything from education to health and wellness, cultural and family support. To learn more, to www.accesscommunity.org or call (313) 842-7010.
- **Southwest Counseling Solution**, a southwest Detroit based agency, focuses especially on helping Spanish speaking families with whatever their needs may be, including education and childcare, employment and more. To learn more, go to www.swsol.org/family or call (313) 481-3100.
- **The Guidance Center**, a Southgate-based nonprofit, offers help spanning from early childhood, youth and adult services, to counseling and more. Last year it served more than 25,000 children and adults. For more, go to www.guidance-center.org or call (734) 785-7700.
- **United Way**: Anyone in southeastern Michigan can get help and support by calling **211**. That number will connect callers with a representative who can connect the caller with resources.