About Room to Grow

THE CHALLENGE

Nearly half of America’s babies live in or near poverty.

By age two, many toddlers in low-income households are six months behind. By the end of kindergarten, low-income children can be up to one year behind.

Low-income children who are behind in 3rd grade are up to 8x more likely to drop out of high school.

ROOM TO GROW’S SOLUTION

Room to Grow’s three-year program provides critical support to hundreds of families raising babies born into low-income circumstances. We provide parents with essential baby and toddler items, parenting strategies and support to promote their children’s development, as well as connections to community resources that can meaningfully expand their support network.

BABY & TODDLER ITEMS
Families pick out clothes, books, toys, and other items for their children.

PARENTING SUPPORT
Families discuss parenting questions with program staff and connect with community resources.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT
Families develop strategies to support their children’s growth and development.

SECOND HALF OF VISIT
Families and program staff continue conversations in our baby boutique, where parents choose the clothes, books, toys, and other items that will be useful for their children until the next visit.

HOW OUR PROGRAM IS STRUCTURED

Families have their first visit during the last trimester of pregnancy. From there, they meet one-on-one with program staff every three months until their child turns three. Each visit is two hours long and is held at one of our Family Centers in Boston or New York.

Families meet with program team members to talk through the challenges and joys of early parenthood, discuss their children’s development, and brainstorm strategies and resources that support family goals.

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DID YOU KNOW?
Room to Grow relies on donations of baby items from generous individuals and companies to keep our baby boutiques stocked. The items that Room to Grow provides to families enables caregiving, enhances home learning environments, and alleviates material hardship and the associated stressors.
Room to Grow didn’t just give me clothing and books for Oliver. Room to Grow gave me peace.

– Veridiana, Room to Grow Parent Graduate