

About Us: THE STARFISH DIFFERENCE



STARFISH
FAMILY SERVICES

OUR MISSION

Strengthening families to create brighter futures for children

Founded in 1963, Starfish Family Services is recognized as a champion for families who lack access to essential resources in metropolitan Detroit. Known as regional innovators, we provide high-quality programs and support services that focus on early childhood education, behavioral health wellness, and empowered parents.



BY THE NUMBERS



18

centers in Wayne County



4,000+

children impacted annually (ages 0-5 in early education & ages 0-17 in behavioral health services)



700+

volunteers, including individuals, corporations, local schools, contribute 20,978 hours per year (a value of \$517,971)



450+

employees (including therapists, social workers, educators, administrators)



20

board of director members, representing early- and higher-education professionals, corporate and community leaders, Starfish parents



We deliver programs via an integrated "One Starfish" approach. It steers our course so we are aligned around 3 areas of well-being:

- **Healthy Families**
- **Successful Students**
- **Empowered Families**

OUR REACH

Wayne County



- Administrative Offices
- Early Childhood Education Centers
- Behavioral Health Services
- Home-Based Early Education and Behavioral Health Services
- Main Office (Inkster)

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS: OUR CHILDREN

We make high-quality early education available for children throughout Wayne County.



12 Early childhood education centers

46 Classrooms

79% Starfish children ready for kindergarten success

92 Teachers & teacher assistants, all of whom have degrees and/or Child Development (CDA) credentials

EMPOWERED FAMILIES: MAKING THE GRADE

Families are at the center of what we do. Part of the data below is from our client satisfaction survey, which is designed, administered, and evaluated by Starfish parents.



98% Feel safe & comfortable at Starfish



95% Feel they have a voice in developing their own family goals



769 Families received parenting education



343 Families were connected to job training



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Starfish is known for being leaders in infant-mental health care, but now we are working to expand a Detroit home-visiting program that pairs nurses with first-time expectant mothers.

What: Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is a national nonprofit that, for nearly four decades, has delivered a life-changing community health program model in locations throughout the United States.

How: Specially trained nurses regularly visit young, first-time moms-to-be, starting early in their pregnancy, and continuing through a baby's second birthday. Our Starfish nurses help guide a first-time mother through the emotional, social, and physical challenges as she prepares for a healthy birth and beyond.

The goal: Empowering first-time moms to create strong futures for themselves and their babies.

Our Partners: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (funder), Nurse-Family Partnership.



The Need is Real

13 OUT OF EVERY 1,000 CHILDREN



born in Detroit do not make it to their 1st birthday. (Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services)



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