OUR MISSION: Strengthening families to create brighter futures for children.

OUR VISION: A just society in which all children, families, and communities have equitable opportunities to grow, learn, and thrive.

Founded in 1963, Starfish Family Services is a recognized and trusted champion for children and families in metro Detroit. Known as regional innovators, we provide integrated, high-quality programs and support services that build on the strengths and assets of families and focus on early childhood education, behavioral health and wellness, and empowered parents and caregivers.

BY THE NUMBERS

16 centers in Wayne County (13 early childhood education & 3 behavioral health)

3,005 children, youth & adults supported annually (ages 0-5 in early education & ages 0-64 in behavioral health services)

58% of our clients are young children ages 0-6

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

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

.87¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to services for Starfish children & families

OUR REACH

Wayne County

We deliver integrated and holistic programs that focus on 3 areas of well-being:
- Healthy Families
- Successful Students
- Empowered Families

Early Childhood Education Centers
Behavioral Health Services
Home-Based Early Education and Behavioral Health Services
Headquarters (Inkster)
OUR FAMILIES SAY IT BEST

“This program has literally been life-changing. The education and very fun activities give new meaning to the word ‘inspirational’.”
—Starfish mom-to-be

At Starfish, we are there for families where they need us. In some cases, the best option is to provide services in the nurturing environment of a family’s home.

What: Educational and child development learning opportunities through weekly home visits and monthly group socialization events for pregnant moms, parents, and their children ages birth to 3.

How: Specially trained and certified Starfish Home Visitors help to develop activities that reflect a family’s specific needs and respect their traditions, cultures, and values. This includes prenatal education, health screenings, and how to gain access to basic-needs resources, such as housing or employment.

The goal: To strengthen family foundations, grow parent-child relationships, promote a child’s healthy development, improve a child’s emotional, behavioral, and psychological well-being, and create a positive and personal network of support and connection.