

About Us: THE STARFISH DIFFERENCE



STARFISH
FAMILY SERVICES

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



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



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



of our clients are young children ages 0-6



We deliver integrated and holistic programs that focus on 3 areas of well-being:

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



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



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



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

OUR REACH

Wayne County



- Early Childhood Education Centers
- Behavioral Health Services
- 🚗 Home-Based Early Education and Behavioral Health Services
- 🌟 Headquarters (Inkster)

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS: OUR CHILDREN

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



68 Classrooms

7 out of 10

Starfish children are ready for Kindergarten

134 Children & youth served in our school-based behavioral health programming at 10 local schools



- Black (46%)
- White (36%)
- Multiracial (9%)
- Other (6%)
- Asian (1%)
- American Indian/Alaska/Hawaiian Native/Pacific Islander (0%)
- Unspecified (2%)



1 in 10 clients served at Starfish is of **Hispanic origin**.

7% of clients speak a language other than English

Spanish **Español**
Arabic **عربي**
Middle Eastern & South Asian languages

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.



97% of families report feeling valued by Starfish employees



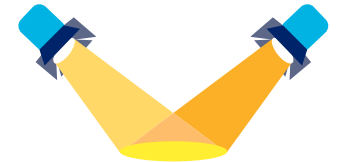
97% of parents/caregivers agree that Starfish prioritizes developing a positive relationship with families



916 Families received parenting education



816 Families received emergency support (e.g., meeting immediate needs for food, clothing, or shelter)



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: HOME-BASED



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.

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



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