

STRONGER FAMILIES MILWAUKEE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Stronger Families Program provides voluntary services to families and children in Milwaukee County who are at risk of child protective services (CPS) intervention. Referrals are sent directly from the Department of Milwaukee Child Protective Services if there are no identified safety threats in the home.

An Engagement Specialist will work directly with the family to provide four months of case management services to improve parent and child stability.

The goal of the program is to connect the family to resources that will help prevent reentry into the child welfare system. An Engagement Specialist will help connect participants with resources as well as participating in classes and programs at two outside agencies (The Parenting Network and Neu-Life).

PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS:

- Completing assessment process to develop case plan
- Participate in two weekly home-visits with an Engagement Specialist to create and follow a case plan
- Attend classes and individual coaching in partnership with The Parenting Network
- Ensure child attends skill/strength-based programming with Neu-Life
- Provide update to Peer Support Advisor and/or Engagement Specialist
- Work towards creating a safe and healthy environment for their family

BENEFITS:

- Connecting to other Community Advocates programs and resources
- Free parenting classes and after school and summer educational programs for children
- Short and long -term goal planning
- Improving relationships with family and peers
- Learning coping strategies

