

Maryville Crisis Nursery **Family Support Drop In Program**

The Family Support Drop-In Program is **available to anyone who could benefit from a little extra help or connection.** Family Advocate Workers will be able to provide fun and educational activities for their family, information about their child's development and helpful community resources.

Eligibility: The program is open to families with children of any age with an emphasis on high need families with children ages 0-6. Families will be able to register at: tinyurl.com/support-drop-in or by calling the Crisis Nursery at 773-205-3637. Families are able to sign up for 1-hour drop-in appointments every Tuesday from 9am-12pm.

The Family Support Drop-In Program offers:

- **Advocacy, Information and Referrals:** Information and connection to food, clothing, financial services, mental health resources, employment and additional services
- **Early Childhood Development:** Promoting early learning in the home and providing activities that support child development.
- **Family Fun:** opportunities for parents and children to play, learn, and connect with each other.
- **Essential Needs:** Access to items such as food, clothing, diapers, and other household goods as they are available
- **Developmental Screenings:** Administer developmental screenings (ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE) and explain services and supports for families of children developmental concerns
- **Family Support:** information on child development milestones and behaviors and promoting positive parenting techniques and support parent-child relationships.

Guidelines

- All families are welcome.
- All parents and caregivers can benefit from information and support.

- Early childhood development is critical for lifelong health and success.
- Parents are recognized as their children's first teachers, and their continued involvement in their children's education is vital.

Location: Family Support Drop-In Time will be offered at the Tolton Peace Center (5645 W. Corcoran Place). The space includes:

- Area for parents/legal guardians to see and interact with their children
- Developmentally appropriate play areas that allows children to play and explore.
- Space for parents/legal guardians to meet with Family Advocate Workers
- Area set aside for brochures, resources, books, and other materials for parents to learn more about other community supports.