

# Home Visiting FAQs

## Who is eligible for home visiting?

We don't determine eligibility. That is done by our coordinated intake worker. We encourage anyone that is interested to submit the interest form.

## How much does home visiting cost?

Home visiting is a completely **free** service.

## When will we (the family) know if we are going to be eligible for home visiting?

Ideally, you will be contacted within 1 week of completing the interest form. An initial visit will be scheduled after enrollment.

## Where does my information on this form go?

This information is kept confidential and is only shared with the participating home visiting agencies in our county.

### Participating agencies:

- 4C Family Enrichment Program
- Children's Home and Aid Healthy Families Illinois Program
- DeKalb County Health Department Family Case Management
- DeKalb County Regional Office of Education Community Outreach Team

## Why do you need to know my youngest child's birthdate and not my other children?

Home visiting programs focus on families with children ages 0-3. A family is enrolled based on the youngest child's age, though the home visiting agency may provide services for the whole family if applicable.

## How long does my family have to do home visiting?

Home visiting is a completely optional service. You may disengage at any time.

## Who will be coming to my house?

A trained home visitor from a participating agency will come to your house. They will always identify themselves and be able to show id.

## How long is a home visiting session?

A home visiting session is generally **between 30 minutes and 1 hour** but may be tailored to fit your family's needs. Home visiting schedules are very flexible to meet your family's schedule.

## What are the benefits of home visiting?

- Home visiting reinforces healthy parent/child relationships through one-on-one meetings.
- Home visitors may bring activities/items for parent/child play.
- Developmental screenings and information about ages and stages can be provided.
- Support in your child's transition to preschool

## Why are you, Basics DeKalb County, promoting home visiting?

Basics DeKalb County and DeKalb County Regional Office of Education encourage parents to be their child's first and most important teacher. Home visiting programs reinforce this.

**If you have any more questions or concerns please contact:**

**Community Outreach Team  
DeKalb County Regional Office of Education  
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