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**AGENCY LEADS IMPROVEMENTS IN CARE FOR ST. CLAIR COUNTY'S
YOUNGEST KIDS**

GRANITE CITY, ILL. (Feb. 2, 2011)--The state of Illinois selected Children's Home + Aid Southern Region in January to lead a collaborative effort to analyze and develop care systems for families of children under five years old in St. Clair County, Ill.

Children's Home + Aid will administer the local chapter of 'All Our Kids Network' in partnership with the Illinois Department of Human Services, State Board of Education, communities and families.

The AOK Network will bring field experts together to drive system change in the county.

"Our agency has served children and families in Illinois for over 125 years, and we're thrilled to bring our expertise and connections to improve services for these young children," said Renae Koller, regional vice president of Children's Home + Aid.

The goal of the AOK Network is to ensure all children under five years old and their families have the opportunity to receive the services they need--from prenatal care to well-baby checkups to parenting education to specialized services.

Children's Home + Aid serves an estimated 6,400 children and adults across seven counties in southern Illinois. The agency aims to provide hope, help and opportunity to those facing overwhelming obstacles such as poverty, abuse and neglect. The organization's regional office is based in Granite City, Ill., and it operates additional offices in Alton, Belleville and East St. Louis.

Visit aoknetworks.org for more information on this Illinois program.