



## children's home & aid

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### **Children's Home & Aid Announces Family Visitation Center Open House**

(Bloomington) Children's Home & Aid will host a Family Visitation Center (FVC) Open House to introduce expanded services for families struggling with domestic violence, dating violence, child sexual abuse, sexual assault, and stalking. On October 24th from 12pm to 2pm, the community is invited to meet the team, tour the facility and learn more about services. The FVC is located at 403 S. State St. in Bloomington, IL.

With the Justice for Families Program Grant through the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), the FVC will provide 35 weekly supervised visitations and safe exchanges. The FVC offers a child-friendly setting and incorporates safety features and protocols to ensure meetings between children and parents are nurturing and protected from violence. Although Children's Home & Aid has a long history of providing this service to McLean County residents, the grant will now allow families throughout the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, which includes Ford, Livingston, Logan, and Woodford counties, to also participate.

Besides family programming, the three year grant will also provide annual trauma sensitivity trainings for court-based and court-related personnel. In addition, brown bag lunch trainings will be offered to judges, attorneys and court personnel.

Children's Home & Aid is excited to offer these newly expanded services to continue to support children, youth and families to thrive in strong communities.

#### **About Children's Home & Aid:**

Children's Home & Aid is a leading child and family service agency in Illinois, serving nearly 40,000 children and families each year in over 60 counties. We partner with children, youth and families whose potential is at risk to create hope, opportunity, and bright futures. Since 1883, Children's Home & Aid has been a leader in responding to the changing needs of disadvantaged children and families in Illinois and shaping public policies in child welfare, early childhood and youth services.

Children's Home & Aid's Central Region serves 3,000 children and families every year with prevention, family support and family strengthening services. To learn more visit [childrenshomeandaid.org](http://childrenshomeandaid.org).

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