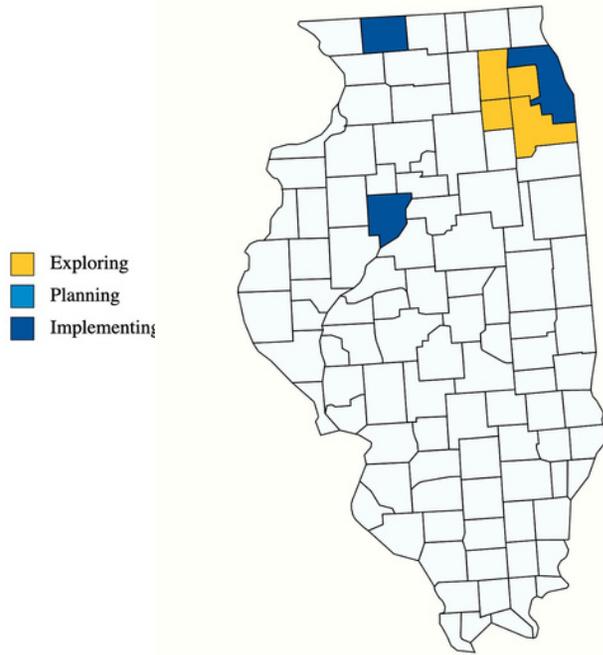


Family Connects Illinois Snapshot September 2021



Family Connects International is supporting a number of communities in Illinois to implement the Family Connects model:

Stephenson and Peoria counties, as well as the City of Chicago* are currently implementing the FC model.

Stretching across multiple counties, the City of Aurora is currently exploring opportunities with the FC model.

**Chicago families who give birth at the University of Chicago, Humbolt Park, Mt. Sinai and Rush Hospitals are currently eligible to receive Family Connects visits; additional expansion in Chicago is expected in 2022.*

Family Connects Illinois Calendar Year 2020 Data

All three Illinois sites paused services for several months in 2020 to devote resources to addressing the COVID-19 public health emergency in their communities.

Total Integrated Home Visits (In-Person + Virtual): 1,360.

The nurse home visitor assigned 98% of families to a matrix score of 2 or higher (the rating scale is between 1-4, with 4 being a severe risk) on at least one protective factor, indicating a need for additional education or a referral to a community support.

Primary Caregiver Race

American Indian & Alaskan Native: 0%
Asian: 5%
Black or African American: 34%
Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 0%
White: 46 %
More than one race: 3%
Other: 11 %

Primary Caregiver Ethnicity

Hispanic: 23% Not Hispanic: 77%

Child Insurance Status*

Public: 59% Private: 40% None: 2%

**not collected by Chicago Dept. of Public Health in 2020 as only supportive calls were made due to COVID-19.*

The Family Connects model is an evidence-based approach to supporting all newborns and their families. It aims to strengthen the local continuum of care and facilitate links between families and community resources. By reaching all families in a community, Family Connects improves health outcomes at the population level.

Rigorous research has shown that Family Connects has positive impacts on important outcomes, including:

44% reduction in Child Protective Services investigations through child age 2 years, and 39% reduction through age 5

50% less total infant emergency medical care between birth and infant age 12 months

Family Connects mothers were 30% less likely to experience possible postpartum depression or anxiety

Family Connects mothers were more likely to complete their six-week postpartum health check

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