

**Ottawa County  
Parenting Plus  
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Serving the Entire County:



**Holland/Zeeland**

**Grand Haven/Spring Lake**

**Coopersville/Allendale**

**Hudsonville/Jenison**

For Information and Referrals:  
**Call: 394-7223 or  
1-866-440-4111 PARE**



**Serving the Families of  
Ottawa County For  
Over 30 Years**

Ottawa County Parenting Plus will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, handicap, or

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**Could Parenting Plus  
Help Your Client?**



**A Homebased  
Early Intervention  
and  
Family Preservation  
Program**

*Parenting Plus  
sponsored by Ottawa County  
and the local Department of  
Human Services*

## OTTAWA COUNTY PARENTING PLUS IS...

an early intervention program working with young children and their parents. The goals of this parent education and family resource service are to...

- encourage and support positive family relationships, reduce social isolation and increase social support
- enhance parenting capabilities and child care practices
- advocate on behalf of families
- support families as they transition to self-sufficiency
- provide early intervention and case management services to families at risk for attachment problems which can lead to abuse/neglect

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### FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICE

- Families beginning their parenting experience with children under four years of age
- Parents attempting to combine employment and parenting
- Parents with a history of separation/loss
- Parents of children with sleeping, developmental or feeding issues
- Parents experiencing extreme stress or social isolation
- Parents who could benefit from case management and coordination of service for their family
- Parents with past issues of abuse or neglect who desire support in establishing healthy patterns in their family
- Families involved with Protective Services, Foster Care or Friend of the Court

The program is available in Ottawa County to income eligible families. Priority is given to first-time parents and referrals from the Department of Human Services and Court Services.

## PROGRAM SERVICES

Regularly scheduled home visits are the primary modality through which services are provided to families enrolled in Parenting Plus.

### Parenting Plus offers a Continuum of Relationship-based Services. These include...

- providing emotional support to parents
- education on parenting, including age appropriate child management skills
- education on child development using a variety of curriculums
- providing guidance to families as they become self sufficient
- encouraging enjoyment of parental role
- supporting positive interaction between parent and child
- highlighting the important role of fathers
- facilitating access to community service agencies
- sharing information through a monthly newsletter
- completing developmental assessments using a variety of tools
- infant mental health assessment and treatment
- intensive services when needed including case management and collaboration with other agencies

*Duration of services is based on family need and/or request.*

*There is no fee to families for the service.*



## REFERRAL PROCESS

All referrals should be sent to the Program Coordinator via telephone or mail.

Referrals should include parent's names and birth dates, address, children's names and birth dates, and reason for referral. Information will be mailed to a family and an introductory assessment and home visit will follow.

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### HISTORY

Parenting Plus, formerly known as the Zero to Five Program, was inspired by Mr. Larry Hilldore, Ottawa County Department of Social Services Director from 1966 to 1990. The program originated in 1973 as a cooperative effort between Ottawa County and the Michigan Department of Social Services. Currently, Parenting Plus is staffed by a Program Coordinator and ten Family Resource Specialists. Staff is located at the Department of Human Services office in Holland.

Parenting Plus Services are available in **Spanish** to appropriate referrals in the Holland area.

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Funded by...

- Ottawa County
- Michigan Department of Human Services Contracts
- Local Grants

Ottawa County Parenting Plus is part of the Ottawa Area Early Childhood Intervention Services/ Early On and Family Support America.