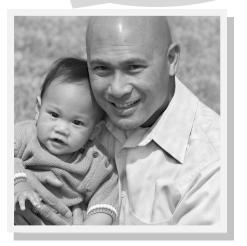
Parents say...

"Healthy Start ~ Healthy Families makes parenting so much easier they help first-time parents understand what it takes to be a good parent. They also teach about what the baby needs."

"Healthy Start~ Healthy Families helped me understand what it means to be a father and why my child acts the way she does. "

> "The best thing about Healthy Start ~Healthy Families is the information about child development and all the support they give me."



Parents who have participated in Healthy Start ~ Healthy Families value the help it has provided them. **Contacting Healthy Start ~ Healthy Families Oregon**

To find out more about Healthy Start ~ Healthy Families in your community, call the program for your county:

F44 400 0444

Baker County	
Benton County	541-757-8068, ext. 117
Clackamas County	
Clatsop County	
Coos County	
Crook County	541-447-5165, ext. 215
Douglas County	
Gilliam County	
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	541-573-6461
Hood River County	541-436-0306
	541-475-4456, ext. 4223
	541-471-3445, ext. 1143
	541-883-1030
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Lincoln County	541-265-0436
	541-967-3888, ext. 2676
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	503-485-2187
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Home visits for first-time parents... because babies don't come with instructions



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Give your baby a

Healthy Start!

Parenting is one of the most important jobs a person will ever do. Yet, being a parent can be a tough job.

As a new parent, you create the foundation for your baby's future. Research shows that what happens during the first three years of life can last a lifetime.



Having your first child brings lots of changes. Every new parent has questions and can use some extra support. That is why Healthy Start ~ Healthy Families is here.



Welcome Baby

All first-time parents in Oregon are invited to receive Healthy Start~ Healthy Families "Welcome Baby" support. Healthy Start ~ Healthy Families is voluntary and free.

Healthy Start ~ Healthy Families offers information to families on:



- How babies grow, develop and learn.
- How to care for your infant, including tips on feeding, sleep and safety.
- How play helps babies learn.
- How to keep your baby and yourself healthy.

And...

You are invited to fill out a Healthy Start~ Healthy Families questionnaire. Then we can tell you about resources in your community, like:

- Child care
- Breast feeding support
- Help for depression or drug and alcohol problems
- Parent-child playgroups
- Healthy Start ~ Healthy Families home visiting services



Many families are eligible for home visits with their own Healthy Start ~ Healthy Families home visitor for up to three years.

During these home visits, you will receive information and support from an understanding, friendly visitor. You will learn new skills so you can:

- Cope better with the challenges you face as a parent
- Help your baby grow up healthy and strong
- Help your baby be ready for school

And...

You will learn about how to connect with other services for you and your family.

Part of a larger support system

Healthy Start ~ Healthy Families is part of the national Healthy Families America Network of home visiting programs.

In Oregon, Healthy Start ~ Healthy Families work closely with other organizations so that families get connected with community resources.



