

Initiative:	Healthier Beginnings
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Program Summary

To provide “at risk” young mothers and mothers-to-be in Lincoln Parish with mentoring-based resources that promote healthy lifestyles through effective mentoring relationships, educational resources, and development of client’s ability to make good decisions.

Grant Objectives:

The primary goals of the Mentoring of Moms program are as follows:

1. Expose “at risk” young mothers and mothers-to-be to health family lifestyles.
2. Build a trust relationship between the volunteer and clients. Deepen the trust that has been established between matched mentors and young moms.
3. Understand the unique needs of the young mother-to-be and father-to-be (and baby), and help guide them to positive solutions for meeting those needs.
4. Encourage mother-to-be to seek adequate pre-natal care and participate in proper nutrition.
5. Establish school-based matches for minor clients that are currently enrolled in school
6. 40 matches made by November 30, 2012.

Secondary Goals

7. Increase understanding of doctor’s orders and follow-through.
8. Set realistic and obtainable goals, including education and employment.

9. Reduce multiple births to young mothers.
10. Encourage marriage in appropriate situations.