



<b>Initiative:</b>	Healthier Beginnings
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### **Program Summary**

The Mentoring of Moms (MOMs) Program has been funded by the Foundation since 2010. In 2013, the program was expanded to include the mentoring of fathers-to-be (DADs Program). In its first year as The Mentoring of Moms & Dads Program, a Fatherhood Program (DADs) Coordinator and a MOMs Program Coordinator were hired. There were 13 mentor-to-mom matches and 2 husband/wife to dad/mom (couple) matches. Life Choices also partnered up with the Family Counseling Center at The Methodist Children’s Home to offer professional counseling to both Life Choices’ mentors & mentees. For Year 4, Life Choices will continue its expansion to at-risk dads & its utilization of the Family Counseling Center. Also, in late 2013 Life Choices was gifted a house with the hopes to use this property to house qualifying MOMs clients (mentees). Currently a budget for this project is being prepared.